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New measures plug loopholes 15 per cent tax on travel dollars

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 15 per cent tax, equivalent to value added tax, will be levied on all tourist and other services imported from abroad, as of this Friday. The tax will not apply to travel tickets. The \$2,000 dollar travel allowance will not be reduced, but will now cost an effective \$2,300. The regulation permitting annual transfers of \$2,000 to dependents abroad and for gifts is cancelled.

These are the main changes in the foreign-currency regulations announced last night by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad and Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandlebaum. Their main intent is to close several loopholes in the regulations which have recently been used to cause an excessive outflow of foreign currency, with a consequent negative impact on the country's reserves.

The steps were described by analysts as generally positive, although certain features gave rise to concern. Most commentators had expected a reduction in the \$2,000 travel allowance, or at least its limitation by time to, say, an annual figure, rather than the existing per trip quota. Furthermore, a large proportion of travel is set-off against tax as a business expense, and this tax loophole could have been closed.

The 15 per cent levy, presented as a method of eliminating the "absurd situation," as the finance minister termed it, whereby tourist services abroad cost less than they do at home, also contains problematic aspects. Formally, the levy is being implemented as a temporary measure, under the Mandatory emergency regulations, for 90 days. During this time, the new Knesset will be required to enact them into law as part of the VAT law. However, if the levy is to become part of VAT and is to be applied to purchases abroad, there may be problems with existing trade treaties.

Another facet of the levy that is likely to draw criticism is its retroactive impact. It is specifically designed to hit all those people who paid in advance for vacations, or who bought their dollar allowance before the elections so as to avoid the expected post-election devaluation.

These people have now been outmaneuvered, and will have to pay 15 per cent extra before they leave the country. By the same token, those currently abroad using their credit cards for purchases – and even those who have returned and have not yet been debited for purchases – will

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Two residents of Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox Mehor Baruch neighbourhood make their way through discarded Shas (Sephardi Torah Guardians) campaign handbills yesterday. (Rahamin Israeli)

Mapam might accept unity gov't after all

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Mapam sources here yesterday indicated that the party's opposition to a national unity government, even one led by Alignment leader Shimon Peres, is not as uncompromising as it appears.

This was after the Mapam political bureau reaffirmed its opposition to such a unity government. Party leader Victor Shemtov said on Monday night that Mapam would oppose a unity government, even if led by Peres.

The Alignment leadership will this morning hold its first formal meeting to discuss the implications of the election results. The central topic will be the mounting call for a national unity government.

Labour left-wing maverick MK Yossi Sarid said yesterday that he

and his colleagues are implacably opposed to a national unity government under the leadership of the Likud. "It is not only a matter of principle," he said. "They (the Likud) received less seats than we did and do not deserve to head any government."

However, Sarid would not exclude the possibility of a unity government headed by the Alignment. "Given the alternatives, it has to be a consideration," he said. He added that the matter is under discussion and that the anti-unity government group will come to a decision "within a day or two."

Sarid stressed that he, Mapam, the Citizens Rights Movement and Alignment doves will take a unified stand on the matter.

MK Haim Ramon, another

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Parties weigh top roles, partners for unity gov't

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The prospect of a unity government seemed to grow yesterday as the parties, large and small, began to grapple with the political-arithmetic deadlock dictated by the election results.

On the Labour Alignment side, the call by four leading writers, including Amos Oz, to set up a unity government under Labour's leadership was already causing much heart-searching among Mapam and other opponents of the idea. (See separate stories.)

On the Likud side, there were subtle indications, from Deputy Premier David Levy and others, that Likud might agree to a Labour-led unity government if this became the only available alternative to new elections.

But the evolution of the unity scenario is likely to be long and arduous. First, each of the two main blocs will exhaust every possibility of setting up a small coalition under its own lead.

On the basis of the present results (without the army vote) – and assuming Ezer Weizman's Yahad party refused to join – Likud would seem to be unable to stitch together such a government. But Likud is hoping for an improvement in its own final figures, or in those of its ally Tehiya, when the soldiers' returns are announced tomorrow night.

If indeed Likud proves unable to head up a government – then *ipso facto* Labour's chances of doing so will improve.

If, nevertheless, Labour's hopes too are not realized, then the unity option will come to the fore. Two questions will arise at that stage: Who is to head a unity government? And who is to compromise it – just Labour and Likud, or some small parties too?

The maneuverings and machinations currently being conducted between the parties, therefore, are a two-track effort. The politicians have one eye on the narrow government scenario, and the other on an eventual unity option.

For the little parties, this latter option could mean they would find themselves left out in the cold. Thus the National Religious Party, for instance, is holding itself out as an important ally in a unity government.

There were signs yesterday that Likud is growing apprehensive now

that the Alignment might not split over the unity option – and would thus remain the largest faction and be entitled to the premiership.

It was apparently with that in mind that key Likud MK Ronnie Milo advocated the idea of a unity government embracing all of the Knesset factions bar the DPPE. In that configuration, Milo argued, the Likud-led "nationalist camp" would total 56 seats while Labour and its allies would add up to only 51. Thus Likud's Yitzhak Shamir would claim the premiership.

Labour, no doubt, would contest that breakdown. Presumably, too, Labour will seek the support of some little parties for its own premiership in a broad unity government.

Labour received an encouraging boost last night when Weizman, whose party is pivotal, announced through Israel TV that he supported a unity government "to be led by the largest faction."

There has been some speculation in political circles that a Labour leader other than chairman Shimon Peres might emerge as a likelier figure to head a unity government. The names of Yitzhak Rabin and Yitzhak Navon were mentioned.

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Orgad urges immediate package deal

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, speaking at a press conference yesterday, renewed his call to the Histadrut and private employers to commence immediate negotiations on a general package deal. This was vital, he said, for the rapid and effective reduction of inflation, without a concurrent very high level of unemployment.

If the Histadrut would not respond positively to this initiative, the government, even in its present caretaker form, would have no choice but to take urgent and drastic measures by itself. These would centre on a large cut in government expenses, as well as other steps to reduce the budget deficit.

The scale of inflation at present left no time, Cohen-Orad stressed, for the completion of the constitutional coalition-forming process and the establishment of a new cabinet. Drastic moves would have to be made now. These would have to be taken by the outgoing government, preferably with the cooperation of the other main partners in the economy.

Ray Isaacowitz adds from Tel Aviv: Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kassar said yesterday that the Histadrut will accept a wage and price freeze, on condition that the real value of the wages of salaried workers is not lowered.

Kassar also said that the labour federation is ready for negotiations with whatever government is formed, with the aim of healing the economy. The negotiations, he said, must be on the basis of the Histadrut's recently released document of principles, which insists on the participation of the Bank of Israel, as well as the government, the Histadrut and the employers, and which lists 11 subjects for discussion.

He stressed that the negotiations cannot be towards a "package deal," which is concerned with wages and prices only.

Sources close to Kassar said yesterday that the secretary-general is doubtful whether a narrow government led by the Alignment will be able to deal with the country's economic problems. Kassar is seventh on the Alignment's Knesset list.

Amos Oz and A.B. Yehoshua call for unity government

By MARSHA POMERANTZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Several leading dovish writers yesterday called on the parties of the moderate left to support a national unity government.

The statement, issued by Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua, S. Yizhar and Haim Guri, said the result of the elections, by their very divergence, demonstrated the will of the people for "a national unity government with the two major blocs at its centre." This desire may seem to many "erroneous and unjustified," but it is a fact, the statement said.

The writers appealed to Mapam, the Citizens Rights Movement and Shinui, which have hitherto dismissed the possibility of a national unity government, to agree on minimum conditions for at least a temporary union, which would allow the parties to work out their differences in the "realm of action" rather than leaving them to endless parliamentary debate.

Asked in a radio interview yesterday how division among the electorate could be interpreted as a sign of the desire for national unity, Yehoshua said the election results were "an outcry from a people torn and split." There is no other alternative, he said, except for an endless series of elections.

The statement was issued in the afternoon. By evening it had elicited an angry counter-statement from three poets and two critics. Nathan Zach, Meir Weiseltier, Yair Hurwitz, Prof. Dan Miron and Prof. Menahem Peri said the other writers' proposal aroused in them "only feelings of repulsion and disgust."

The call for a "covenant between the man of bloodshed and the man of culture, men without scruples and those who see themselves as responsible men of conscience, is merely erroneous and misleading," they said.

Likud will negotiate on two fronts at once

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Likud ministers conferred with Prime Minister Shamir yesterday and decided to negotiate on two fronts simultaneously to try to form a coalition of at least 61 Knesset Members.

Shamir will be responsible for virtually all the coalition negotiations.

On one front Shamir will try to draw in the four religious factions, which together total 12 votes. Of these, Morasha is already almost as committed as Tehiya, as evinced by Rabbi Haim Druckman's courtesy call on Shamir on Monday night after the results started coming in.

The Likud expects to get the support of Kach but does not intend to negotiate for it. "We won't put ourselves in the position of owing Kahane anything," one Likud minister told *The Jerusalem Post*.

On another front, Shamir will first try to prevent Yahad leader Ezer Weizman from playing a role in any spoiling maneuver mounted by the Alignment.

The Likud assumes, on the basis of past experience, that Weizman and Tami's Aharon Abuhazzeira will operate as a team because of some not entirely understood affinity.

"We realize that Ezer is the key for the Likud just as he is for the Alignment," one informed Likud source told *The Post*. "With the 42 we expect to get eventually, plus Tehiya, plus the four religious parties..."

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With most of the votes counted following Monday's elections, the Alignment last night had 45 Knesset seats and the Likud 41. These figures may change slightly when the final tally of the soldiers' vote becomes known tomorrow and surplus votes are distributed in keeping with the Bader-Ofar Law. The distribution of seats as of last night was:

| Party | 1984 | 1981 |
|-----------|------|------|
| Alignment | 45 | 47 |
| Likud | 41 | 48 |
| NRP | 4 | 0 |
| Shas | 4 | 6 |
| Tehiya | 4 | 3 |
| DPPE | 4 | 4 |
| Yahad | 3 | 1 |
| CRM | 3 | 1 |
| Shinui | 3 | 2 |
| Morasha | 3 | 2 |
| Aguda | 3 | 4 |
| PLP | 3 | 4 |
| Ometz | 1 | 1 |
| Kach | 1 | 1 |
| Tami | 1 | 3 |

Labour sources say: Peres likely to lose post if he can't form government

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Labour Party sources doubted yesterday whether Shimon Peres could continue as party chairman if he did not establish the next government. "No one gets four chances," one source said.

However, most of those questioned were cautiously optimistic that Peres would establish the next government, whether it has Alignment-led coalition or an Alignment-led national unity government. The sources hesitated to predict Peres' future until the full election results are in, and coalition negotiations have run their course.

One source doubted whether any Labour leader could have done better than Peres. The elections proved that the country is evenly divided into two camps, and that the pre-Likud camp is implacably opposed to Labour, he said.

If Peres is forced to retire, it is by no means certain that former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin will have to follow suit, another source said. He stressed that Rabin had "cooperated fully" during the election campaign and could not be held responsible for the party's disappointing showing.

But most party officials refused to comment on Peres' likely fate, saying that this is not the time to deal with personal matters.

Burg confers with Shamir and Peres

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. – National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg met yesterday with Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, after talking with Prime Minister Shamir.

Sources in all parties concerned told *The Jerusalem Post* that there is little significance to the talks, since they are extremely premature with the parties not even knowing what the final election results are.

After his two conversations, Burg declared that his party will give top priority to the formation of a national unity government, arguing that "this is the only way to out of the country's economic ills. If such a government is put together, it could even attract international loans. The other differences between the parties, important though they might be, can be put off until a later date."

NRP sources said that should efforts for a national unity government fail, the NRP's first preference is likely to be a government with the Likud. (See small parties, page 2)

Arab states: No difference in who forms next coalition

CAIRO (AP). – Egypt urged Israel yesterday to form a new government quickly and press ahead with negotiations toward a Middle East settlement, while other Arab states awaited the final results of Israel's election.

Arab newspapers, including some government-controlled publications, said that Monday's inconclusive balloting was a setback for peace and charged that neither the Likud nor the Alignment is interested in pushing hard for a comprehensive regional settlement.

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said Egypt hopes "that a government will be formed soon so that we can start working to reach a peace settlement in the area."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid urged the new Israeli government – whatever its makeup – to take "urgent steps to withdraw from Lebanon and Arab lands and negotiate to find a just settlement for the Palestinian problem, including the true rights of the Palestinian people."

The state-controlled daily *al-Gomhuria* warned the impasse would force the two major parties to

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Puzzlement and pessimism in West Bank after election

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Surprise, puzzlement, disappointment and fear characterized reaction among West Bank Arabs yesterday to Monday's election.

Despite the pre-election rhetoric of some radicals, it was clear that the majority of West Bankers hoped for and, like so many others, anticipated a Labour victory.

An Alignment-led government, they expected, would not only improve the atmosphere in the territories but at least held out the hope for a resumption of the peace process and a possibility of compromise that would take into account some of their aspirations.

"I was expecting a plebiscite," said Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, "and that's what it was. The country is divided almost equally between the right and the centre. There are no hopeful prospects for the people of the occupied territories."

The leading East Jerusalem daily

Al Quds commented that no government that emerges from the election will be strong enough or stable enough to take bold decisions.

A-Sha'ab, a more radical paper, said in its main item that the elections demonstrated the extent of social polarization in Israel. The elections also strengthened the extreme right, while the Likud was given a mandate to persecute and harass the Arabs in the territories, the paper said.

Fear and outrage at the election of Meir Kahane of Kach was common yesterday. "That is an extremely dangerous and disgusting phenomenon," said Freij. "Kahane is a racist calling for the expulsion of Arabs from the land where they have lived for centuries. How could that happen?"

The surprisingly good showing of the new Progressive List for Peace was either dismissed as insignificant, given the strength of the right, or regarded as some opening for hope.

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| Haifa Port | 70 | 20-28 | 29 |
| Tiberias | 45 | 15-26 | 35 |
| Nazareth | 45 | 15-26 | 30 |
| Alula | 62 | 21-31 | 31 |
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Jubran Remon of the Koor management will speak on "Development in the Arab Sector" at today's meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club in the Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m.

Michael Berger of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) will address the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today in the YMCA.

15 PER CENT

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have to pay 15 per cent more than they thought at the time they made the purchase.

The abolition of the \$2,000 dollar "maintenance" allotment, which had been widely abused in recent weeks, came as no surprise: the recent attempt to tighten the controls over who could receive the allowance proved ineffective.

A further measure affects importers of goods. In this area large amounts have recently been sent abroad as pre-payment for goods, long before the normal payment date in such transactions. Henceforth, such early payment will not be allowed. The importer will be able to pay only against receipt of the shipping documents.

Trade credit will also be permitted according to the conditions permitted by the controller of foreign currency at the Bank of Israel.

Pre-payment of loans from foreigners, whether bank loans or trade credit, will no longer be permitted. Payment will only be made by the "authorized agent" (bank) according to the original terms of the loan.

All these restrictions are also temporary, and will be in force until November 1, 1984.

The amount of shekels that may be taken abroad by an Israeli is reduced from \$2,000 (equivalent value) to \$50.

While the rationale behind these steps, according to both Cohen-Orgad and Mandelbaum, is to shut some of the doors through which money has been escaping, the new levy is expected to provide large revenues for the government. Assuming 400,000 persons travel abroad in the remainder of this year, and each uses his \$2,000 allowance, the Treasury will collect \$150 million. Thus the levy is a two-edged sword in the government's hands. If it discourages travellers from taking the maximum allowance, it will save foreign currency. If travellers do take as much as they can, they will swell the tax revenues accordingly.

One certain result of the new measures will be the establishment of a 15 per cent "floor" on the premium on the black-market dollar, since less than this will attract buyers who would otherwise go to the banks.

Yesterday, the black market dollar rose to IS350-IS360 in morning trading, as the election results were being digested. The announcement by the Bank of Israel that foreign-currency transactions would be suspended for the day led to a renewed outbreak of panic, and the price surged to IS370 and higher. Most dealers stopped selling dollars, and some also refused to buy, although others continued to pay IS330 shekels for cash.

Dealers themselves discounted the likelihood of a devaluation, and regarded the panic as irrational. They were not prepared to take the risk, however, and most of them decided to hang on to their dollars and await developments.

Today, the effective price of the dollar for travellers is about IS310, and a devaluation of 2-3 per cent, "catching-up" from last Friday, is projected.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Frantic consultations among small parties

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Feverish consultations characterized the efforts of the small parties yesterday to form blocs and alliances. Leaders of Tehiya-Tzomet, Yahad and the religious parties were approached by senior Likud and Alignment officials anxious to form a coalition.

Tehiya-Tzomet leaders told the Likud they would not object to joining a national unity government headed by the Likud.

Before dawn yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir spoke to National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg and the two agreed to continue their cooperation within a coalition if a national unity government is not formed.

But members of NRP's Young Guard faction said that Burg is inclined to agree to the proposal by Rabbi Haim Druckman of Morasha to form a bloc of all the religious parties. The Young Guard members said the bloc could then join either a Likud or Alignment coalition.

Later yesterday, Burg met with Labour Chairman Shimon Peres.

Yahad leaders convened yesterday and officially decided to call for a national unity government, which is

"what the people want and need at this time," according to Weizman.

The mood in Yahad improved greatly when it was learned yesterday that the movement would probably get three mandates instead of two. "We're back in the centre of the political map. Neither the Likud nor the Alignment can now do without us," a Yahad source said.

Weizman was approached yesterday by senior officials of the Likud, Alignment, Tami, Ometz, Shinui and the Citizens' Rights Movement, eager to form an alliance with Yahad. It was learned that Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Shapira also contacted Weizman, but it is not clear what the two discussed.

Yahad also announced - in a carefully vague statement - that if a national unity government proves impossible to form, the movement would join a stable government without radical elements from either the left or the right, for the next four years.

CRM leader Shulamit Aloni tried to persuade Weizman yesterday to form a bloc with the CRM, Shinui and others in order to form a coalition with the Alignment.

Tami leaders said they must reconsider the movement's *raison d'être*, now that it received only one or two mandates. Tami leader Aharon Abuhazzeira said he was considering not joining any coalition, due to what he called the movement's failure in the elections.

Yigael Hurvitz (Ometz) stated yesterday that he would only join a national unity government.

Merchants back unity gov't

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - It is imperative that a national unity government be set up immediately, Avner Ben-Yakar, chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, said yesterday.

Ben-Yakar said that the critical economic situation should convince all the political parties to put the good of the nation before narrow party interests.

Naftali Blumenthal, chairman of

the board of Koor, yesterday called for setting up a "public committee of financial and economic experts" to guide the Finance Ministry until a new government is formed.

Blumenthal said that the incumbent finance minister should not be allowed to take steps "not within the framework of an overall long-range plan," saying that any rash steps would only "intensify existing chaos" and harm Israel's economic recovery.

No decision on Herzog-Kahane meeting

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Herzog has not yet decided whether to invite Rabbi Meir Kahane to Beit Hanassi as part of the consultations leading to the formation of a new government. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

A spokesman for the president said yesterday that Herzog has not yet decided how he will act regarding the whole process of consultations with the various parties elected to the 11th Knesset.

According to the law, the president does not have to consult with all factions before deciding which MK to ask to form a government. But traditionally the president has invited representatives of all parties for consultation.

Political observers said yesterday that Herzog would likely be embarrassed if he were photographed shaking hands with Kahane. However, they said, he could ban photographers from the presidential residence if and when Kahane comes.

Karamah to Syria tomorrow

BEIRUT (Reuters). - Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karamah will make a one-day visit to Syria tomorrow for talks on security and political matters, official sources said yesterday.

The visit will be Karamah's first to Damascus since he formed a national unity government under Syrian auspices almost three months ago.

It coincides with plans to extend the government authority into the Shouf and Aley mountains southeast of Beirut, where an army brigade is to maintain law and order in place of Syrian-backed Druse militias.

Karamah will also visit Saudi Arabia soon to discuss economic aid towards the reconstruction of Lebanon, but no date has been set for the visit, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Christian and Moslem militias continued depositing their weapons in depots yesterday under the supervision of French and Lebanese observers. One depot is in East Beirut for medium range Christian militia weapons and three depots are in West Beirut for weapons belonging to the Shi'ite

Moslem Amal and Druse militias. The collection of weapons began on Saturday as part of the Beirut security plan.

Beirut newspapers said that as of yesterday the army had the right to raid houses and buildings looking for medium and heavy weapons. The militias have been allowed to keep their light weapons.

Police said the headquarters of the Druse militia in West Beirut's Talat Al-Khayat neighbourhood and the residence of an official of the militia on Corniche Mazraa were hit by rockets before dawn yesterday causing material damage but no casualties.

Police also said one person was killed and six others wounded in the northern port city of Tripoli in overnight battles between two local factions - the fundamentalist Islamic Unification Movement and the Syrian-backed Arab Knights. The fighting for dominance of the second largest city in Lebanon tapered off in the early hours of the morning after several cars, houses and shops were set on fire.

Soviets agree to expansion of Unifil

BEIRUT (AP). - The Soviet Union has agreed to a Lebanese request for an increase in the number of UN troops in southern Lebanon and expansion of their mission, government sources said yesterday.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said the Soviet acceptance was conveyed to Nabih Berri, minister of state for Southern Lebanon and justice minister, during his

recent visit to the Soviet Union. Berri returned to Beirut Monday after a stop in Damascus on his way home from the Soviet Union.

Ten countries at present contribute to the 6,000-man UN Interim Force in Lebanon. Lebanon has been asking for an increase in their number, especially in case of a sudden Israeli withdrawal from the South.

Brothers acquitted of revenge murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Two brothers, Zion and Simhoni Ozer, were acquitted yesterday in district court here of charges of killing Yair Ben-Yishaihu as revenge for the murder of their brother Rafael Ozer.

The judges said that the brothers' alibi - that they had been at Kfar

Habad studying Tora at the time Ben-Yishaihu was killed - did not hold up. But they also said prosecution witness Menashe Zioni was deliberately hiding the truth and that the prosecution's description of the murder did not appear realistic. They therefore acquitted the defendants.

Ceramics fair ends tonight in capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A ceramics exhibition which concludes tonight in Khutsof Hayotser outside Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate is the first of four mini-fairs to be held there this summer.

The small fairs are in place of the annual arts and crafts which was cancelled this year because of development work in the area.

The themes of the next mini-fairs are jewelry (August 11-12), crafts (August 18-19) and Jewish ceremonial art (August 28-29). The fairs will be open to the public from 5 to 11 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 p.m. to midnight on Saturdays. The sponsor is the East Jerusalem Development Corporation.

CRIME. - Crime rose in Japan last year to its highest level since the early post-war years. The National Police Agency survey on 1983 said there were 1,541,000 criminal offences recorded.

Arab vote shows rise in extremism

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The most striking fact emerging from the Arab vote in Monday's Knesset election is that lists catering to Palestinian nationalism won six mandates, two more than in the previous elections.

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE) retained four seats, while the new Progressive List for Peace won two. The latter's success was at the expense of Zionist parties and is thought to mean that the Arab sector has become more extreme.

But the Arab vote was not monolithic. Moderate elements voted for Ezer Weizman's Yahad list, earning him one-third to one-half a mandate. Apparently those voters had supported the Alignment in previous elections. Weizman's campaign was active in the Arab sector, opening branches and hiring election workers.

Other minority votes were divided among many parties. In the Druse town of Daliat Al-Carmel, many votes went to Shinui, since resident Zeidan Atshe was third on its list.

On the whole, the Alignment won as many votes as it did in 1981 - but that was not good enough because it did not win the votes which went instead to its affiliated lists. Nor did it manage to attract more voters to compensate for the increase in the size of the Arab electorate.

Binyamin Gur-Arye, the prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs, noted in a conversation with The Jerusalem Post that the DFPE was only several hundred votes short of its fifth mandate in the 1981 elections. This time they received enough votes for four mandates and have a surplus. Thus they just about kept their supporters. Gur-Arye noted.

Arab affairs expert Zvi Elpeleg said he had attended several PLP rallies in Arab villages where speakers talked of "the return" of the Palestinian refugees. The party's letter Peh on the ballot slip also stands for "Falastin."

Above all, both the DFPE and the PLP vied for the Palestine Liberation Organization's support and advocated the establishment of a Palestinian state side by side with Israel.

The PLP picked up many Beduin votes in the Negev. Suleiman Badour, secretary of the Beduin section of the Alignment in Beersheba, told The Post yesterday, "This was clearly a protest vote," he said.

90% of IDF soldiers in Lebanon voted

METULLA (Itim). - The voter turnout among IDF soldiers in Lebanon was 90 per cent, and among those serving in the Golan Heights 97 per cent. The ballot boxes have already been transferred to Jerusalem, where the counting is to be completed tomorrow.

The IDF yesterday reopened the Awali River crossing points, which had been closed on election day for security reasons.

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This speculation was dismissed by Alignment faction head Moshe Shahal who said Peres had "proved himself a real leader" in the campaign.

Likud ex-finance minister Yoram Andor, interviewed on television last night, noted repeatedly that Peres had always flatly opposed the idea of a unity government.

Formal consultations between President Chaim Herzog and the various Knesset factions will begin next week, once the president has received the official election returns from the Central Election Committee under Justice Gavriel Bach.



Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz outlines his new economic measures at a press conference in Jerusalem last night. (Rahamim Israeli)

U.S. officials 'frustrated' by Peres' lack of success

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - The U.S. yesterday braced for a prolonged period of uncertainty in Israeli politics.

Senior officials, deeply frustrated by the failure of Shimon Peres to capture enough seats to form a viable coalition, were also resigning themselves to a continued stalemate in the peace process.

The emerging consensus among American governmental specialists was that neither Labour nor the Likud would be able to patch together a strong coalition. They suggested that this could set the stage either for a national unity government or new elections later this year.

There was widespread gloom among senior policymakers at the White House, the State Department, the Pentagon and elsewhere.

In the U.S. government, though, spokesmen sought to put their best face forward.

Thus, the State Department issued a brief statement noting that the election "reaffirmed the value of a democratic society and its institutions."

It added: "While we still await complete election results, we are certain there will be no change in the traditional close cooperation which has existed between the governments and people of the United States and Israel. We look forward to working with the next government of Israel regardless of which party emerges victorious at the polls."

U.S. officials in recent weeks had increasingly expected a clean-cut Labour victory. They had very much been influenced by the public opinion polls.

Indeed, they had already planned an entire diplomatic initiative for translating a Labour victory into revived Arab-Israeli peace negotiations. There was strong confidence

that Jordan's King Hussein would respond positively to a Labour-led government.

But yesterday that confidence had disappeared.

According to U.S. officials, the American Embassy in Tel Aviv - like so many other political pundits and polls in Israel - had predicted that Labour would emerge in the best position to head a new coalition government. This embassy assessment heavily contributed to the upbeat mood in Washington about the prospects for reviving Arab-Israeli peace talks.

President Reagan, scheduled to answer questions last night at a White House news conference, was cautioned by his aides not to say anything which might be construed as interfering in Israeli politics.

In other world reaction to the election, the Soviet news agency Tass said that the outcome of the balloting was irrelevant because both leading parties pursued the same foreign policies.

"The Labour Party is as guilty as the Likud bloc of atrocious crimes against the Arabs," it said.

The French press and television gave extensive coverage to the election results. Le Monde headlined its front page yesterday with the words "Surprise in Israel."

The French press also highlighted Meir Kahane's victory, describing him as "a fascist if not worse."

French officials refused to comment besides paying tribute to Israel's "active and working democracy."

Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme congratulated fellow Labour Party leader Peres after his party emerged as the largest in the Knesset.

"My warmest congratulations to you and the Labour Party on becoming the largest party in the Knesset, and best wishes for the future," Palme said in a cable. (AP, Reuters)

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ties, we shall have 58 MKs not counting Kahane. Ometz's Yigael Hurvitz won't be enough to give us our 60 or 61. We can't manage without Weizman."

Although Shamir will negotiate on these two fronts simultaneously, his colleagues expect that factions agreeing to team up with the Likud will not all sign on the dotted line at once.

"It'll probably work on the domino principle," one Liberal minister told The Post last night. "If one faction agrees to join our coalition, the factions still playing hard to get will figure out whether they will lose or gain by hanging back. It often happens that the longer you wait, the less there is to go round."

Likud leaders are sober enough to realize that the Alignment will also negotiate with potential partners according to the domino principle. They realize that the Alignment will also give high priority to bringing Yahad, Tami and Ometz around to influence part, if not all, of the religious factions.

Within the Likud leadership, the aspiration to create a national unity government under Likud leadership is as strong as before, but there are no illusions that it would be a practical proposition for the time being. Hence the negotiating effort, so far, is not specifically geared to the objective of forming a national unity government.

2 big parties lose votes in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Alignment won 74,478 votes in Tel Aviv to the Likud's 69,488, according to final figures reported by the Itim news agency last night. The NRP won 5,719; Aguda 2,504; Shinui 6,801; DFPE 1,730; Yahad 3,874; Ometz 3,219; Kach 1,278; Tami 1,368; Morasha 2,061; PLP 1,037; Disabled 1,244; CRM 6,745; Shas 5,012 and Tehiya 7,742.

In elections for the 10th Knesset, the Alignment won 80,366 votes and the Likud 86,798.

Final tallies for votes cast in many major towns were not available by press time last night. Here is a roundup of the voting percentages available. (For final totals of other towns and cities, kibbutzim, moshavim and minority localities, see page 5.)

RISHON LEZION: (with 60 out of 99 polling stations counted) Likud 35.8 per cent, Alignment 41.1, NRP 2.4, Eliav 0.7, Shinui 2.6, Yahad 2.5, Ometz 1.4, Kach 0.6, Tami 1.1, Morasha 0.8, Disabled 0.7, CRM 2.4, and Tehiya 4.4.

REHOVOT (37 out of 67): Alignment 38.4 per cent, Likud 29.6, NRP 4.1, Aguda 1.7, Eliav 0.7, Shinui 3.1, Yahad 1.8, Ometz 1.4, Kach 1.2, Tami 2.2, Morasha 2, Disabled 0.6, CRM 3, Shas 3.7, Tehiya 4.1.

RAMAT GAN (121 out of 170): Likud 45 per cent, Alignment 33.1, NRP 2.5, Aguda 0.7, Eliav 0.5, Shinui 1.4, Yahad 1.4, Ometz 1, Kach 0.8, Tami 2.6, Disabled 0.8, CRM 1.8, Shiluv 0.5, Shas 2.2, Tehiya 4.

ASHKELON (43 out of 55): Likud 46.5 per cent, Alignment 26.3, NRP 4.1, Eliav 0.5, Shinui 1, Yahad 2.3, Ometz 0.6, Kach 1.9, Tami 4.6, Immigration 0.8, Morasha 1.2, Disabled 0.6, CRM 1, Shas 3.9, Tehiya 3.3.

PETAH TIKVA (146 out of 151): Alignment 34.6 per cent, Likud 34.5, NRP 6.1, Aguda 1.5, Eliav 0.6, Shinui 2, Yahad 1.8, Ometz 1.3, Kach 0.9, Tami 0.8, Disabled 0.7, CRM 1.7, Shas 3.8, Tehiya 4.4.

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Labour dove, confirmed that the idea of an Alignment-led national unity government is under discussion. "I don't like it, but we must consider it," he said.

Widely differing views on the subject of a national unity government were expressed at an informal meeting of the United Kibbutz secretariat yesterday. UKM leaders were due to confer with Peres last night.

Kibbutz sources said that while the Kibbutz Arzi movement was opposed to a unity government on any terms, pressure was being exerted in the other direction by the Moshav Movement, which gave a large block of votes to the Likud in the elections.

"We have to examine our movement responsibility in the light of our national responsibility," one source said. He added that it has not yet been decided which forum will be convened to make the actual decision on the UKM's stand.

None of those questioned yesterday gave any credence to the plan reportedly floated in Likud circles that a national unity government be established under the leadership of former president Yitzhak Navon.

CLIMBING FEE. - The Nepalese government has increased fees for Himalayan climbing expeditions, with the charge for permission to climb Mt. Everest, the world's highest

Kahane promises bill to expel Arabs

Jerusalem Post Staff
Kach leader Meir Kahane, who on Monday gained enough votes to assure him of Knesset seat, told a press conference yesterday that the law of the Torah is above democracy.

"I want to do things that today are opposed to the law as the police see it," said Kahane. "That is, if there is a law from the Torah and it is opposed to the laws of the state, then I say the law of the Torah is above and beyond the law of the state."

The son of an Orthodox rabbi, Kahane vowed that his first act in the Knesset would be to propose bill expelling the 700,000 Israeli Arabs and the 1.3 million West Bank and Gaza Strip Arabs.

"There is no doubt I won't have a majority, but the very fact that I get up on the Knesset floor and propose such a law, imagine what will happen in the Knesset and in the world," he said.

"It's going to be a party every day...Imagine when I get up and say to Rakah MK Tawfik Toubi: 'Toubi, today is the day you start your departure from this country...Imagine the pleasure in every heart in this country.'"

Kahane also said he would join a Likud coalition only if he were promised an amnesty for the 24 members of the Jewish terror ring now on trial, and if the Law of Return were amended to restrict citizenship to those meeting the strict Halachic definition of Jews.

Earlier, a jubilant Kahane led about 150 supporters to the Western Wall in Jerusalem to celebrate his electoral success.

He promised to use his Knesset seat to give the Labour Party "an ulcer every day," and told supporters: "We will drive this country crazy. We will make this country Jewish again."

The son of an Orthodox rabbi, Kahane, 51, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was a member of his high school's debating team.

In 1968 he founded the Jewish Defence League, an organization responsible for the bombings and vigilante actions against targets considered anti-Semitic.

Since immigrating to Israel 13 years ago, he has been arrested more than 20 times, mostly on charges of disturbing the peace during anti-Arab demonstrations.

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Kach leader Meir Kahane celebrates his election to the Knesset late Monday night in Jerusalem. (Elihu Harari)

AJC regrets standoff, seat for Kahane

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Likud and the Alignment should join forces to reform the electoral system to prevent "paralysis" of the parliamentary system and to prevent Knesset seats going to "such thoroughly reprehensible and destructive forces as Meir Kahane," the American Jewish Committee said yesterday.

In a press statement released by AJC president Theodore Mann and executive director Henry Siegman, the organization said:

"It is not for Jews outside Israel to prescribe a course of internal political organization to Israeli political leaders. But friends of Israel abroad can hardly suppress the hope that the stand-off produced by this election will lead the two major parties to unite at least for the limited purpose of reforming the electoral system. Without such reform, the paralysis produced by this election may well harden into a permanent condition, which can only spell disaster for the country's larger goals and purposes."

Suspect held in clan fight, victim in critical condition

LOD (Itim). — A 66-year-old man seriously injured in a fight between two clans here Monday night is still in critical condition.

Ya'acub Hasuna is hospitalized in Assaf Harofeh Hospital. His son Hani, 24, and his grandson Amad, 21, were killed in the fight, which broke out after a soccer game. Two other men were seriously injured in the clash.

The suspect in the shootings was also injured in the fight and was put in the police lock-up after being treated at the hospital. Police investigation is continuing.

The Magen David-Adom spokesman yesterday said a policeman was responsible for a man wounded in the "clan fight" being taken to the hospital in a private car.

The spokesman was responding to a claim that no ambulance had been available. Sakif Abu Siam told Itim yesterday that he had brought two of

the wounded to the local Magen David Adom station, only to find that there was no ambulance driver there. Abu Siam claimed he had been told by the person on duty at the station to take the wounded men to the hospital himself.

The spokesman, however, said that according to the station's journal one ambulance had already left to take another wounded man to the hospital, and a second one had been sent to the scene of the fight to pick up the other wounded men.

When the ambulance arrived at the scene of the fight, police said a private car had already taken a wounded man to the MDA station, accompanied by a police car. The spokesman said the policeman accompanying the driver had a two-way radio and should have told the driver to wait for the Magen David Adom ambulance crew.

Concern and exhaustion in TA on day after

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — People on the street here yesterday were in a sober, groggy mood following the elections. Some men in their rush to work forgot to shave, others had bloodshot eyes from watching television into the wee hours of the morning.

Traffic jams on roads leading into Tel Aviv started later than usual. One driver at a traffic light explained to another that the reason the Likud came out so well was that people did not want to spit into the well they drink from. "Take a look around

you, what's so bad, everyone has a car," he said.

A manager of a supermarket said, "Before the elections there was panic. Everyone was buying. Now after people have voted they feel as if they have got a large stone off their shoulders."

At a falafel stand the owner was trying to persuade his customers to eat more. "Eat today — who knows what the price will be tomorrow," he said.

One of the customers, between bites said: "The elections remind you of a person going to a mikva (a

ritual bath) after having sinned. The people believe that by having voted they are now clean for the next four years. But they simply do not realize what a mishmash they have made."

One religious man said he wished the religious parties could have won more mandates, but that his compensation is that the Likud will be able to form a government.

A kibbutz member wearing short pants and an open plaid shirt on the No. 12 bus said that he was stunned. "I can't understand what has happened," he repeated several times.

He added, "It doesn't make sense — how can it be that a fine man like

Lova Eliav, with so many volunteers and with a clean campaign, didn't get in, while Meir Kahane, despite what was written about him and without very much advertising or volunteers, managed to get elected."

A Jewish tourist from England trying on some shoes at a store, said that he has been to Israel over a dozen times. "You Israelis are really something special. No matter how hard I try, I don't seem to understand the way you think. Everyone seems to think for himself here. This country needs so many political parties in the Knesset like it needs a hole in the head."

Alignment vote down 10% in United Kibbutz Movement

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Alignment vote in the United Kibbutz Movement was about 10 per cent lower in this week's election than it was three years ago. About 80 per cent of the UKM vote went to the Alignment, with most of the remainder going to the Citizens' Rights Movement, which had a surplus-vote agreement with the Alignment.

Asked about the drop in the Alignment vote in the UKM, movement spokesman Shlomo Leshem said that UKM members are not like Russians who vote 99.9 per cent for their party.

Leshem said an average of 86 per cent of UKM members voted Alignment. In 1981 a record 91 per cent of UKM members voted Alignment. Leshem said he believed the high vote then was partially due to attacks on the kibbutz movement by Begin, who claimed that kibbutz members

were millionaires who lived in luxury.

Leshem said that those UKM members that voted for the CRM did so to protest Alignment policies, adding that many kibbutz women also agree with list leader Shulamit Aloni and what she stands for.

"The most important thing that should be stated here is that these kibbutz members did not cross lines, ideologically they remained in the same camp," the spokesman said.

Concerning Lova Eliav's weak showing in the UKM (about 2.5 per cent), he admitted that the movement had tried to persuade Eliav's sympathizers not to waste their votes on him. Letters to this effect appeared in internal kibbutz newspapers, and a very short time before the elections an open letter was sent to all the UKM members explaining why they should not waste their votes on small parties without mentioning Eliav's name.

Shamir hails 'rare victory' against 'defeatist forces'

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV (Itim). — "This was a rare victory for us," Premier Yitzhak Shamir told jubilant Likud activists at party headquarters in Tel Aviv very early yesterday morning.

He was characterizing the Likud's showing in the polls, which at that hour gave it 42 seats to the Alignment's 46, according to computer forecasts.

"We were the target of all the defeatist, leftist forces in the country which labelled us, who wanted to put an end to the fact that the ruling party in the Land of Israel was ours," Shamir said.

He added that the "fateful thing" about this campaign was that it was the first Herut and Likud campaign not the under leadership of former prime minister Menachem Begin.

Shamir then called for a national unity government, saying that this is what the people want. He said that the Alignment can't accept a unity government because of the "growing influence" in the Alignment of the left wing.

"The campaign is over," Shamir concluded, "but not the Likud's war for Eretz Yisrael, for the state, for the economy, for Israeli society."

Pollster scores bull's-eye

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One pollster who called it right with amazing accuracy was Dr. Sarah Shemer, who in this campaign conducted polls on behalf of the Likud.

Shemer was until recently head of the Modi'in Ezrachi research centre and in that capacity was in charge of The Jerusalem Post polls for a number of years.

In mid-July, she projected 45 Knesset seats for Labour and 40 for the Likud, stressing that the gap might possibly narrow a bit further. Her findings were challenged by Labour's pollster Dr. Avi Diskin who insisted that a 16 seat gap continued to exist in Labour's favour. Even on election day, he continued to predict 50 seats for Labour and 37 for the Likud.

Shemer explains that pollsters can often err because they, as well as laymen, are subject to public mood and press evaluations which influence how they interpret the raw material they gather.

She notes that "Too many pollsters failed to make allowance for the phenomenon of 'self selection' — the readiness of some people to agree to be interviewed and volunteer information about themselves. They

are less wary of identifying themselves politically before total strangers. Such people tend to be more cosmopolitan and open in their outlook, and to be Alignment voters."

"This becomes all the more marked and powerful when pollsters resort to telephone polls as against face-to-face interviews. Thus, pollsters find themselves with more Alignment supporters in their samples than among the electorate in general."

She adds that phone polls work against the Likud, because Likud voters tend to be less responsive and forthcoming on the phone, and also because many do not own a telephone.

On the so-called "floating vote," Shemer says she was always careful to put back-up questions to interviewees, apart from only asking whom they were going to vote for. The additional questions were meant to identify political opinions and attitudes. Responses to these questions showed that many of those who told pollsters they were undecided, in fact supported Likud positions. "When we classified them as such, it became clear that the Labour lead was not what it seemed, and that disenchanted Likud voters were likely to go home," Shemer relates.

Votes for Likud bewilder moshav leaders

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut-affiliated Moshav Movement was yesterday bewildered by the strong backing given the Likud in the younger moshavim. Senior officials of the movement refused to talk to journalists or made themselves unavailable.

The movement's spokesman went abroad yesterday morning.

A leader of the movement agreed

to talk with The Jerusalem Post, but not for attribution. "I can't understand how moshav members can vote Likud after what the party did to them," he said.

Another member of the movement told The Jerusalem Post he believed that Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper has duped some moshav members, especially by promising them land formerly held by kibbutzim.

Supporters mark Yosef Begun's birthday

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There were greetings, songs and good wishes, but the man in whose honour a birthday party was held at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem yesterday was incarcerated in a Soviet labour camp.

Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun undoubtedly received neither birthday cake nor congratulations in his cell in the Ural Mountains. But Knesset Aliya Committee chairman MK Uri Zarmi told the gathering of 100 that he hoped "somehow Yosef will hear about this."

Guests at the Beit Hanassi reception included friends and former students of Begun, MKs, the chief rabbi of France Rene Samuel Sirat, Jewish Agency officials and activists of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry.

After serving two sentences for teaching Hebrew and Jewish culture to fellow Soviet Jews, the 52-year-old radio engineer was sentenced last October to seven years in prison



Yosef Begun

and an additional five years in internal exile for alleged anti-Soviet activity.

Begun's wife has not been allowed to visit him, and his conditions in prison were recently worsened as punishment for his "breaking prison regulations." His "offence" is not known in the west.

President Herzog maintained that Begun had committed "no crime against Mother Russia." His activities are cultural, not political, he said. What the Soviet authorities apparently fear is Begun's ability to inspire Jews and to reawaken to Israel and Hebrew. Herzog said, Israel "did not initiate the breaking of relations with the Soviet Union. We have no quarrel with them, except for their attitude toward the Jews and their position on the Middle East."

Singer Nechama Lifschitz, herself from the USSR, performed a song in Begun's honour, adding that "the best present we can give Yosef is to see to it that the nation is united."

Israel Prize winner Temima Avidar-Tschernovitz read recollections of her stay in the Soviet Union years ago as the wife of a diplomat.

Haim Margulis, who studied Hebrew with Begun, described the Prisoner of Zion's "nightmarish years" since his first request for emigration to Israel in 1971 was refused.

Flatto going to jail, not Knesset

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Failed Knesset candidate Samuel Flatto Sharon is getting ready to serve his prison sentence instead of serving in the Knesset.

Flatto said that he is to start his three-month sentence for bribery in the 1981 election on August 8, immediately after the Tisha B'Av fast. He said that he expects to serve his sentence by doing "outside work" at a police installation near his home in Sayvon.

Flatto blamed his failure to win a seat in the Knesset on the activists of his party who left him towards the end of the campaign.

"What I'm doing this morning," he said, "is working on a series of new products that will be sold both here and abroad under the Flatto trade name. They include after-shave lotions and wines."

Two remanded in counterfeiting case

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two of four persons brought to magistrate's court here yesterday on suspicion of possessing counterfeit dollars and belonging to a counterfeiting ring, have been remanded.

The other two were released on bail.

The four were Faiz Nasser, 42, of Tira; Zion Yaktin, 41, of Beit Dagan; and two sisters from Jaffa, Dalia and Ilana Elmakyas, 26 and 19 respectively.

A police representative said the four were travelling in Nasser's car when it was stopped by detectives, who found \$4,000 dollars, plus another \$550 in Yaktin's possession. A preliminary examination allegedly revealed that 35 hundred-dollar notes were counterfeit.

Nasser told the court that he received the money as payment in a business deal.

The judge remanded Nasser for eight days, and Yaktin for four days, while releasing the two women on \$100,000 bail each.

Police: Suspect admits torching rabbi's home

The suspect in the torching of a rabbi's home and attempted arson at the apartment of a rabbinical court official has confessed to both acts, police in Jerusalem said yesterday.

They said Yosef Yakar, 43, of Tel Aviv, had admitted to setting fire to the home of Rabbi Moshe Freund two months ago, and to trying to torch the apartment of Rabbi Ya'acov Yitzhak Weiss, president of the ultra-Orthodox Eida Haredit rabbinical court.

Yakar was arrested on Sunday and remanded for four days. Police said yesterday they would soon present formal charges against him.

Yakar had threatened both rabbis, because they refused to adjudicate in a financial dispute in which he was involved. (Itim)

Jazz musician held on cocaine suspicion

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A member of a jazz combo, Barry Sacharof, 27, of Ramat Aviv, was ordered detained for five days yesterday on suspicion of possessing cocaine.

A police representative told Judge Yoram Gati in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court that Sacharof had been arrested at Ben-Gurion Airport upon his return from abroad.

He admitted to bringing in the drug

Senior IDF officer reveals: Israel soon to start talks on release of Jibril PoWs

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The head of the Israel Defence Force's Manpower Branch, Aluf Amos Yaron, said he believed Israel would soon begin negotiations for an exchange of prisoners with the Liberation Of Palestine-General Command.

However, nothing concrete has been set yet, a well-placed source told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The PFLP-GC holds three Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon: Yosef Grof and Nissim Salem who were captured near Bhamdoun, and Hezi Shai who was taken prisoner near Sultan Ya'akub. Israel has some 120 prisoners believed to belong to the PFLP-GC and Jibril has told a

Lebanese newspaper that one of them is his nephew.

Yaron's statement was made in an interview published in the IDF's weekly, *Bamahane*. He added the talks "may not be easy."

The breakthrough in the contacts with the PFLP-GC appears to have been made earlier this month, following a visit of Austria's Ambassador to Greece, Herbert Amry, to Syria and Israel. Amry met the three Israeli prisoners and on July 10, they were brought to a press conference in Damascus. A PFLP-GC spokesman, Omar Shehadi, said then that his organization was prepared to release the three Israelis immediately if Israel released prisoners it held and permitted whoever so desires to stay in Israel.

Petrol station worker held in IS1.1m. theft

HAIFA (Itim). — A petrol station attendant was remanded for eight days yesterday on suspicion of giving police false information concerning a robbery.

The police representative told the magistrate's court here that Hiri Hassan Sima, 26, of el-Makr, a village in Western Galilee, called police on Saturday and told them two armed

men had tied him up and stolen IS1.1 million from the Sonol petrol station on Dori Road in Haifa where he works.

The police representative told the court that Sima is suspected of having been an accomplice of the two men, hoping to get money to cover debts.

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'Crisis in Africa: Not enough food, too many births'

HARARE (Reuters). — African countries meeting to examine their critical food situation were grimly warned that they are facing disaster through rampant birth rates and declining food production.

A three-day meeting of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which opened in Harare this week, was told by FAO director-general Edouard Saouma that agricultural disaster in one form or another had struck half of Africa in the last two years.

"In countries of every African sub-region, drought has shattered the hopes of the farmer and brought distress to the population," he said.

The FAO lists 24 African nations as facing acute food crises.

Saouma said what he called a "litany of woes" afflicting African agriculture included famine, drought and other natural disasters, global recession, hostilities, political tension, foreign debt and monetary instability.

"Africa is failing desperately to cope with the problem of feeding its people," he said in a keynote address. But he added that explosive population growth was mainly responsible for the widening gap between the food Africa grows and what it needs.

Saouma said the continent had the

world's highest rate of population increase. "African nations, if they do not take positive action to encourage a drop in fertility rates, are speeding headlong toward disaster," he added.

He thanked the international community for food and other aid it had given Africa, but appealed for more.

PURGE. — Senior Soviet Communist Party and labour officials have started a campaign to strengthen discipline in trade unions and 289 leaders have been sacked from one union alone, the daily *Sovetskaya Rossiya* said yesterday.

Fabius to continue austerity policy

PARIS (Reuters). — New French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius pledged yesterday to continue the austerity policies of his predecessor Pierre Mauroy and said industrial modernization would be his government's top priority.

Fabius, picked by President Francois Mitterrand a week ago to head a new government, was heckled by opposition deputies as he presented his programme to the National Assembly.

The new premier coupled his promise of economic continuity with a powerful appeal to the opposition to overcome the traditional left-right division of French politics.

Fabius said he planned to nominate an opposition deputy to work

with him in seeking ways to counter public insecurity about law and order. He also proposed a four-member study group of pro-government and opposition deputies to look into the problem of France's ageing population.

Fabius, at 37 the youngest French prime minister this century, said he wanted to unite the French people where it was possible: "There are enough subjects of division for us not to add more."

Fabius praised Mauroy for his "warmth and courage" during three years as premier and said his government would continue the task.

He made only a passing reference to the Communist Party's refusal to serve in his government, saying he

would have preferred to have the Communists in his team. They had four ministers in Mauroy's cabinet.

Political sources said it was likely the Communists would abstain later last night when the assembly voted on Fabius' government declaration.

But the new premier was certain to win the confidence vote because the Socialist Party has an absolute majority in the National Assembly.

Fabius said unemployment, is still rising in France, could only be reduced by a return to a certain level of economic growth.

But he indicated he would resist pressure for refutation of the economy until there was further progress in modernizing France's industrial base.

Striking UK miners block major bridge

LONDON. — Striking coal miners yesterday blocked one of the world's major bridges by abandoning cars on the suspension span over the Humber River Estuary, causing morning rush-hour traffic jams around Hull in northeastern England.

Police had to close the Humber Estuary Bridge, which has the world's longest bridge span at 1,410 metres, and divert traffic to the bridge at Goole, 32km, to the west, as lines of paralyzed traffic stretched as long as 16km.

Police said up to 100 vehicles were left on approach roads and on the huge suspension span itself, and the drivers walked away with the ignition keys.

The blockade began shortly after 7 a.m. (0600 GMT) and lasted about 2½ hours before the miners returned to their cars and drove them away, police said.

"The pickets have moved away

from the bridge and dispersed of their own accord," the police spokesman said. He said one police car had been overturned by striking miners and a second police car had been damaged.

The bridge carries traffic to and from the Scunthorpe steel plant on the south side of the Humber River. Miners have picketed Scunthorpe sporadically during the strike, now in its 20th week, in an attempt to prevent coal and coke from reaching the steel plant.

Police said that before the blockade they had turned back about 3,000 miners heading towards wharves at Scunthorpe. About 500 of them then blocked the bridge with their cars.

The miners' strike began March 12 to protest against the government-owned industry's plan to close money-losing mines with the loss of

some 20,000 of the industry's 183,000 jobs.

Elsewhere, police made more than 50 arrests yesterday as miners hardened their strike, clashing with police outside pits and steel works.

Five miners' wives and 21 miners were arrested during fighting outside the Port Talbot steelworks in South Wales.

At the Llanwern steelworks, 80km away, picketing was also stepped up by 150 miners waiting for lorries, and grass fires were started along the access road from the motorway.

In Scotland, 24 miners were arrested in a second day of clashes outside the Bilston Glen colliery near Edinburgh.

At least six pickets were arrested outside a Lancashire colliery in scuffles with police when a miner's car was overturned. No one was injured. (AP, Reuters)

Release of Polish prisoners under way

WARSAW (Reuters). — Large-scale implementation of a government amnesty covering some 35,000 prisoners in Poland was due to get under way yesterday, Polish officials said.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said the amnesty, from which the first 82 prisoners had benefited by late Monday night, should get into full swing over the next few days.

The Amnesty was announced on Saturday to mark the 40th anniversary of Communist rule in Poland and included 652 political prisoners. The rest are mostly common criminals.

More than 1,800 people, including 52 political offenders, had been re-

leased by yesterday afternoon under the amnesty.

The Interior Ministry's chief investigator, Colonel Zbigniew Pudzys, said on state television that he believed the amnesty would bring to an end what he called "the complicated process of politically motivated crimes."

The amnesty also covers underground activists still at large, who will not be prosecuted if they surrender to the authorities before the end of the year. Pudzys said the first people had turned themselves in on Sunday.

Pudzys said underground activists, including Warsaw Solidarity

leader Zbigniew Bujak, could only benefit from the amnesty if they surrendered of their own accord.

He said underground leader Bogdan Lis and his assistant, Piotr Mierzejewski, both captured last June, were ineligible for the amnesty because it excludes high treason, the offence of which they are accused.

But he hinted that the two might qualify for the amnesty if they cooperated with the authorities.

Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa and underground leaders of the banned Polish free trade union issued a message of thanks yesterday to their jailed supporters awaiting release under the amnesty.

Turner defends bottom-patting

OTTAWA (Reuters). — Canadian Prime Minister John Turner, who boasts that he is a "tactile politician," has got into trouble with a women's group for patting several women political activists on the bottom during campaigning.

The group in Kitchener, Ontario, has produced special cardboard shields that can be tied around the waist whenever the Liberal Party leader campaigns, and calls them "bum (w) raps."

Turner was seen on television giving a pat to Liberal Party President

Iona Campagnolo, who promptly responded by delivering a friendly ogle of her own.

Montreal party activist Lise St. Martin-Tremblay said the pat she got made a change from former prime minister Pierre Trudeau "who never showed any signs of affection."

The handsome, silver-haired 55-year-old Turner told reporters: "I'm a hugger, I'm a tactile politician. I'm slapping people all over the place. That's my style."

One killed, scores hurt in NY train crash

NEW YORK (AP). — Two passenger trains collided head-on and derailed on an elevated track here on Monday, injuring scores of people and killing one, officials said.

Rescuers said they treated 112 people, most for minor injuries, after the collision of the New York-bound Amtrak Shoreliner and the New England Zip. An official of

Amtrak, the government-administered railway agency, official said the Zip had failed to wait for the Shoreliner to pass.

Enrique Gilgarranz, 53, identified as a Spanish diplomat, died of chest and abdominal injuries suffered in the accident, said a hospital spokeswoman. She said another victim remained in critical condition.

Soviet forces bomb villages near Kabul

ISLAMABAD. — Soviet occupation forces in Afghanistan have begun a new offensive south of Kabul, the capital, reportedly killing many civilians in several days of bombing, a western diplomat said yesterday.

According to the diplomat's report, the combined Afghan government and Soviet operation got under way during the past week in the Logar area.

Troops from the provincial capital of Ghazni were reported heading north to join up with forces moving south from Kabul, 100 kilometres away.

The diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said helicopter activity out of Kabul Airport in the Logar direction had been heavy for several days. He added there were

reports of a number of villages being bombed, causing heavy civilian losses.

The source noted that the official Afghan media have mentioned successful security operations in Logar, a longtime guerrilla base, during the past week.

The report tallied closely with accounts recently provided by Afghan resistance organizations based in Pakistan.

These sources said the Logar offensive appeared to be part of an overall Soviet strategy to bomb villages so heavily that the peasants flee, leaving the guerrillas without the food and shelter which they normally find in the countryside. (AP, Reuters)

Spanish police thwart Iranian terror plot

MADRID (AP). — Spanish police have arrested four Iranians suspected of planning to attack a Saudi Arabian airliner and assassinate an unnamed person or persons, the Ministry of Interior said.

In a communique issued yesterday the ministry said the four were arrested Monday in Barcelona and Madrid. They were said to be mem-

bers of an organization called "Martyrs of the Islamic Revolution," described in the communique as a "radical Shiite group."

Many wealthy Saudis, including King Fahd, have holiday homes in southern Spain. Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Yamani arrived yesterday in the Costa del Sol port of Motril aboard his private yacht.

Weinberger: U.S. military has not declined

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on Monday accused congressional investigators of "serious and potentially dangerous" statements in a report that said U.S. military readiness has declined despite huge administration budget increases.

"We are enormously much stronger now" than in 1980 when President Reagan was elected, Weinberger told a news conference called to comment on a report by staff members of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee Defense

Subcommittee. The report, which the Pentagon said was based on data collected in 1982 when the buildup began, concluded that U.S. military forces are poorly prepared to fight the Soviet Union in a lengthy war on several fronts. It said increased spending has failed to halt a readiness decline.

Weinberger said he called the news conference "because of the serious and potentially dangerous nature of the misstatements and the errors in the interpretation of this House Appropriations staff work."

"It is important that both the people of the United States and, indeed, the people of the world not be given any false information or false impression as to the lack of improvement in the war fighting operational capability of the United States armed forces," Weinberger said.

"It is there, it is a fact, it is improving all the time," he said. Weinberger said, however, there was "a long way to go because we had a long period of neglect in the 70s."

Sports

Rubin's records

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel's top wheelchair athlete Zippy Rubin set new world records in the javelin and shot-put events on Monday at the annual Stoke Mandeville Games for the Handicapped — the "wheelchair Olympics" — in England. Rubin, 35, who first competed at Stoke Mandeville 20 years ago, missed last year's meet because of the birth of her third child.

Rubin's latest achievements in a glittering career in wheelchair sport came in the modern pentathlon, when she threw the javelin 19.84 metres and the shot-put 7.31 metres. In both cases, she bettered her own world records for the events, doing so in spite of the heavy rain which fell during the competition.

Rubin contracted polio at the age of four and has been a member of Israel's Sports Centre (the Handicapped in Ramat Gan) ever since its inception in 1966. She was *The Jerusalem Post's* "Sportswoman of the Year" for 1982.

Israeli Nachman Wolf and Eilat Pines are also showing up well in the pentathlon, with the former standing in second place overall after the completion of three of the five events and Pines occupying fourth place among the 16 participants.

In women's basketball, the Israeli team was given a walkover against Mexico after their scheduled opponents failed to turn up for the match.

Krickstein wins

BOSTON (Reuters). — American Aaron Krickstein became the youngest titleholder in the 57-year history of the \$200,000 U.S. Pro Tennis Championships with a hard-fought 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 victory over defending champion Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina on Monday night.

Krickstein, 10 days short of his 17th birthday, fought back from a 3-0 deficit in the final set to conclude the match with a scorching return-of-serve cross-court forehand at love. In a largely featureless day, Clerc relied on steady top-spin to the corners, and Krickstein on his forehand forehand, accurately angled and placed. Krickstein was 3-6 down in the final, decided set, but refused to head under the extreme pressure, and pulled back to 3-3, by means of some explosive backhands.

The young champion, now ranked 25 in the world, was the last Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix tournament.

Zola cleared

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — South African-born runner Zola Budd has received formal clearance to represent Britain in the Los Angeles Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board accepted a statement from British Olympic Association chairman Charles Palmer that Budd, 18, was British by descent, and not by naturalization, which would have left her eligibility open to question under current rules.

Windsurfing meet

By PAUL KOHN
TEL AVIV. — President Chaim Herzog will open an International Windsurfing Meet off the Tel Aviv coast at 10 a.m. today. Fifteen top surfers from Australia, South Africa, Japan, New Zealand and the U.S. will compete against Israel's best in a week-long competition opposite the Capota Hotel here.

Bransky's brilliance

Post Sports Reporter
Israel's Cecil Bransky is riding high at the fifth Men's World Lawn Bowls Championships in Aberdeen, with impressive singles victories on Monday over Canada (21-12) and Botswana (21-10), giving him a total of four wins in six outings at the halfway stage of the event.

The Israeli is also showing up well in the table tennis competition of the 21-nation meet. In his latest match, he beat the U.S. 26-14, to bring his number of wins to three in five games.

Some velocity

NEW YORK (AP). — Kirk Gibson and Lance Parrish hit consecutive first-inning home runs and Jack Morris gained his 13th victory as the Detroit Tigers beat the Cleveland Indians 4-1 on Monday night for their fifth straight victory.

Morris went nearly a month without a victory, but regained the fast ball that made him the American League's top winner early in the season. "That's the best velocity he's had," manager Sparky Anderson said.

In the National League, Wally Backman's single with one out in the bottom of the 12th inning drove in Mike Fitzgerald to give the New York Mets a 4-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

American League
Detroit 4, Cleveland 1; Kansas City 5, Toronto 8; Kansas City 7, Toronto 2; Minnesota 14, Oakland 4; Milwaukee 6, New York 4; California 7, Seattle 1; Baltimore 9, Texas 1.

National League
New York 4, St. Louis 3, 12 innings; Chicago 3, Philadelphia 2; only games scheduled.

Marshall unfit

LONDON (Reuters). — England First Division soccer club Arsenal paid \$262,000 for Nottingham Forest's international full-back Viv Anderson.

Anderson, 28 next month, became the first black player to win an England cap when he played against Czechoslovakia in 1979, though a series of injuries has restricted him to just 11 international appearances since then.

A member of Forest's 1979 and 1980 European Cup-winning teams, Anderson said: "I thought the time was right for a change after being with Nottingham since the start of my career."

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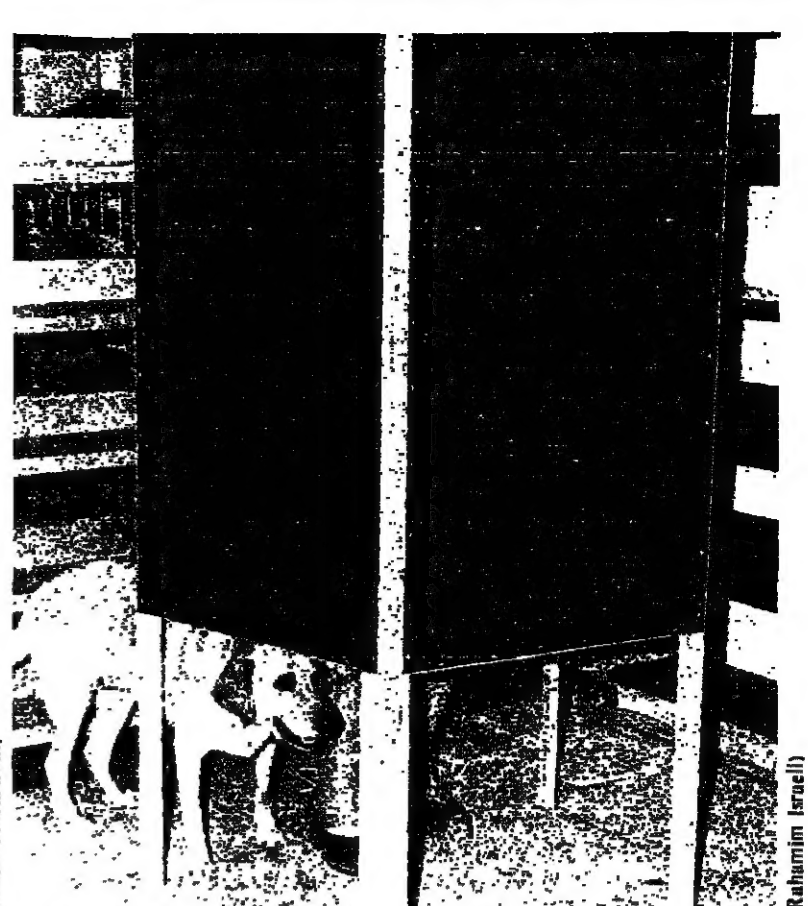
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BEERSHEBA: Lab - 17,066; Lik - 21,496; Teh - 1,753; NRP - 93; Shas - 1,906; DFPE - 123; CRM - 1,201; Shas - 896; Yahad - 765; AY - 328; PLP - 46; Tami - 1,425; Mor - 630; Kach - 861; Omzet - 408; Eliav - 313; Atz - 67; BP - 122; FS - 100.

NETANYA: Lab - 6,827; Lik - 9,614; Teh - 1,925; NRP - 2,178; Shas - 148; DFPE - 62; CRM - 731; Shinui - 798; Yahad - 1,178; AY - 831; PLP - 19; Tami - 137; Mor - 716; Kach - 726; Omzet - 534; Eliav - 196; Atz - 110; BP - 118; FS - 77.

BEIT SHEAN: Lab - 1,154; Lik - 3,291; Teh - 140; NRP - 418; Shas - 436; DFPE - 1; CRM - 12; Shinui - 10; Yahad - 96; AY - 142; PLP - 1; Tami - 251; Mor - 18; Kach - 345; Omzet - 8; Eliav - 3; Atz - 2; BP - 3; FS - 5.

HAIFA: Lab - 56,307; NRP - 3,278; AY - 1,227; Eliav - 988; Shinui - 4,705; DFPE - 3,643; BP - 200; Yahad - 3,038; Atz - 548; Kach - 1,097; Lik - 35,528; Tami - 837; Mor - 2,075; PLP - 1,019; FS - 118; CRM - 4,121; Shas - 1,604; Teh - 5,292.

UPPER NAZARETH: Lab - 5,413; NRP - 342; AY - 34; Eliav - 42; Shinui - 171; DFPE - 284; BP - 21; Yahad - 237; Omzet - 62; Kach - 272; Lik - 4,368; Tami - 144; Mor - 40; PLP - 105; CRM - 151; Shas - 38; Teh - 279.

UGDAL HAEMEK: Lab - 2,696; NRP - 156; AY - 104; Eliav - 12; Shinui - 37; Yahad - 62; BP - 37; Omzet - 20; Atz - 6; Kach - 131; Lik - 3,204; Tami - 174; Mor - 28; PLP - 13; FS - 16; CRM - 56; Shas - 281; Teh - 214.

TIBERIAS: Lab - 1,772; NRP - 620; AY - 250; Eliav - 30; Shinui - 52; DFPE - 1; CRM - 17; Yahad - 10; Yahad - 65; Atz - 14; Kach - 474; Lik - 7,267; Tami - 166; Mor - 51; PLP - 6; FS - 10; CRM - 69; Shas - 868; Teh - 101.

KIRYAT BEMONA: Lab - 1,863; NRP - 201; AY - 28; Eliav - 47; Shinui - 49; DFPE - 4; BP - 4; Yahad - 26; Omzet - 37; Atz - 7; Kach - 196; Lik - 4,291; Tami - 304; PLP - 6; FS - 9; CRM - 83; Shas - 129; Teh - 378.

NAHARIYA: Lab - 5,443; NRP - 356; AY - 15; Eliav - 42; Shinui - 231; DFPE - 38; BP - 19; Yahad - 196; Omzet - 157; Atz - 20; Kach - 452; Lik - 5,653; Tami - 414; Mor - 97; PLP - 14; FS - 24; CRM - 230; Shas - 137; Teh - 645.

BAT YAM: Lab - 24,719; NRP - 1,342; AY - 221; Eliav - 292; Shinui - 989; DFPE - 185; BP - 165; Yahad - 1,434; Omzet - 715; Atz - 679; Kach - 52; Lik - 25,387; Tami - 601; Mor - 542; PLP - 39; FS - 47; CRM - 1,172; Shas - 1,295; Teh - 2,246.

HOLON: Lab - 29,413; NRP - 1,923; AY - 219; Eliav - 483; Shinui - 1,029; DFPE - 199; BP - 309; Yahad - 3,110; Omzet - 979; Atz - 178; Kach - 523; Lik - 27,394; Tami - 476; Mor - 289; PLP - 51; FS - 71; CRM - 1,723; Shas - 1,482; Teh - 2,513.

NAZARETH: Lab - 3,289; NRP - 499; AY - 37; Eliav - 19; Shinui - 40; DFPE - 1,040; BP - 11; Yahad - 800; Omzet - 11; Atz - 20; Kach - 13; Lik - 125; Tami - 157; Mor - 79; PLP - 2,315; FS - 46; CRM - 64; Shas - 6; Teh - 9.

OR YEHUDA: Lab - 1,597; NRP - 211; AY - 275; Eliav - 20; Shinui - 115; DFPE - 37; BP - 657; Yahad - 159; Omzet - 44; Atz - 4; Kach - 134; Lik - 4,694; Tami - 73; Mor - 25; PLP - 9; FS - 11; CRM - 76; Shas - 376; Teh - 248.

HADERA: Lab - 7,945; NRP - 972; AY - 172; Eliav - 74; Shinui - 299; DFPE - 22; BP - 19; Yahad - 385; Omzet - 145; Atz - 40; Kach - 526; Lik - 8,373; Tami - 309; Mor - 172; PLP - 26; FS - 17; CRM - 291; Shas - 332; Teh - 845.

ELECTION RESULT ROUND UP

A round-up of results in Monday's elections as supplied by the Itim news agency, including those cities and towns for which final results have been received and a sample of results from kibbutzim, moshavim and minority settlements.

SAFED: Lab - 1,791; NRP - 471; AY - 150; Eliav - 16; Shinui - 240; DFPE - 12; BP - 2; Yahad - 141; Omzet - 67; Atz - 2; Kach - 305; Lik - 3,677; Tami - 227; Mor - 147; PLP - 1; FS - 7; CRM - 62; Shas - 360; Teh - 169.

KIRYAT BIALIK: Lab - 6,955; NRP - 297; AY - 24; Eliav - 8; Shinui - 496; DFPE - 23; BP - 30; Yahad - 363; Omzet - 224; Atz - 35; Kach - 147; Lik - 4,905; Tami - 160; Mor - 71; PLP - 18; FS - 19; CRM - 286; Shas - 124; Teh - 629.

ZICHRON YA'ACOV: Lab - 949; NRP - 166; AY - 76; Eliav - 15; Shinui - 50; BP - 2; Yahad - 64; Omzet - 25; Atz - 3; Kach - 46; Lik - 996; Tami - 65; Mor - 19; PLP - 2; FS - 4; CRM - 25; Shas - 122; Teh - 127.

BEIT SHEMES: Lab - 2,210; NRP - 196; AY - 11; Shinui - 14; DFPE - 21; Yahad - 38; Omzet - 12; Kach - 330; Lik - 2,880; Tami - 268; Shas - 276; Teh - 193.

MEITZ EAMON: Lab - 392; NRP - 47; AY - 1; Eliav - 3; Shinui - 15; Yahad - 62; Omzet - 23; Atz - 1; Kach - 10; Lik - 444; Tami - 97; Mor - 3; FS - 2; CRM - 19; Shas - 37; Teh - 44.

PARDESE HANNA: Lab - 2,556; NRP - 562; AY - 69; Eliav - 30; Shinui - 97; DFPE - 5; BP - 7; Yahad - 136; Omzet - 78; Atz - 7; Kach - 131; Lik - 3,574; Tami - 91; Mor - 70; PLP - 8; FS - 6; CRM - 110; Shas - 186; Teh - 256.

ACRE: Lab - 5,130; NRP - 282; AY - 76; Eliav - 32; Shinui - 89; DFPE - 1,987; BP - 16; Yahad - 249; Omzet - 80; Atz - 11; Kach - 320; Lik - 6,419; Tami - 264; Mor - 66; PLP - 72; FS - 30; CRM - 113; Shas - 477; Teh - 229.

KIRYAT YAM: Lab - 6,119; NRP - 494; AY - 45; Eliav - 41; Shinui - 189; DFPE - 27; BP - 18; Yahad - 112; Omzet - 120; Atz - 16; Kach - 234; Lik - 6,530; Tami - 192; Mor - 67; PLP - 6; CRM - 197; Shas - 198; Teh - 173.

KIRYAT ONO: Lab - 4,441; NRP - 442; AY - 42; Eliav - 68; Shinui - 435; DFPE - 22; BP - 85; Yahad - 179; Omzet - 197; Atz - 44; Kach - 79; Lik - 2,961; Tami - 52; Mor - 86; PLP - 12; CRM - 335; Shas - 270; Teh - 505.

TIRAT CARMEL: Lab - 1,708; NRP - 198; AY - 63; Eliav - 12; Shinui - 41; DFPE - 52; BP - 52; Yahad - 129; Omzet - 16; Atz - 1; Kach - 204; Lik - 4,180; Tami - 122; Mor - 20; PLP - 4; CRM - 32; Shas - 273; Teh - 153.

YERUSALEM: Lab - 509; NRP - 150; AY - 30; Yahad - 13; Shinui - 10; DFPE - 1; BP - 2; Yahad - 23; Omzet - 19; Atz - 3; Kach - 17; Lik - 1,143; Tami - 136; Mor - 37; PLP - 13; CRM - 12; Shas - 288; Teh - 34.

ELAT: Lab - 3,030; NRP - 57; AY - 7; Eliav - 124; Shinui - 107; DFPE - 20; BP - 14; Yahad - 223; Omzet - 103; Atz - 27; Kach - 52; Lik - 3,899; Tami - 254; Mor - 25; PLP - 14; FS - 4; CRM - 481; Shas - 60; Teh - 436.

NETIVOT: Lab - 191; NRP - 144; AY - 86; Eliav - 1; Shinui - 3; BP - 3; Yahad - 87; Omzet - 4; Atz - 3; Kach - 155; Lik - 1,326; Tami - 494; Mor - 147; PLP - 2; FS - 1; CRM - 2; Shas - 604; Teh - 74.

OR AKIVA: Lab - 677; NRP - 195; AY - 42; Eliav - 34; Shinui - 5; BP - 6; Yahad - 101; Omzet - 1; Kach - 284; Lik - 2,094; Tami - 159; Mor - 8; PLP - 0; FS - 3; CRM - 7; Shas - 94; Teh - 87.

ORAKIVA: Lab - 1,156; NRP - 387; AY - 44; Eliav - 16; Shinui - 25; BP - 1; Yahad - 52; Omzet - 17; Atz - 6; Kach - 134; Lik - 2,679; Tami - 345; Mor - 94; PLP - 3; FS - 5; CRM - 15; Shas - 456; Teh - 106.

ARAD: Lab - 3,184; NRP - 90; AY - 326; Eliav - 99; Shinui - 250; DFPE - 24; BP - 16; Yahad - 150; Omzet - 120; Atz - 23; Kach - 94; Lik - 2,303; Tami - 39; Mor - 41; PLP - 15; FS - 6; CRM - 297; Shas - 45; Teh - 396.

KIRYAT TIVON: Lab - 3,051; NRP - 140; AY - 15; Eliav - 73; Shinui - 297; DFPE - 4; BP - 13; Yahad - 91; Omzet - 93; Atz - 14; Kach - 53; Lik - 1,539; Tami - 70; Mor - 17; PLP - 10; FS - 4; CRM - 179; Shas - 33; Teh - 327.

DIMONA: Lab - 2,861; NRP - 285; AY - 149; Eliav - 32; Shinui - 48; DFPE - 2; BP - 22; Yahad - 189; Omzet - 93; Atz - 25; Kach - 141; Lik - 6,129; Tami - 634; Mor - 146; PLP - 5; FS - 20; CRM - 92; Shas - 589; Teh - 153.

SDE BOKER (UKM): Lab - 96; Eliav - 6; Shinui - 12; Yahad - 1; Omzet - 2; Atz - 2; Lik - 2; Mor - 2; CRM - 12; Teh - 3.

SA'AD (Rel.): Lab - 36; NRP - 146; Eliav - 8; Shinui - 3; Yahad - 2; Omzet - 16; Kach - 2; Lik - 16; Mor - 35; Teh - 56; FS - 1.

DEGANIA 'A' (UKM): Lab - 261; Eliav - 8; Shinui - 8; Yahad - 5; Omzet - 1; Lik - 3; CRM - 17; Teh - 11.

EIN DOR (Artzi): Lab - 331; Eliav - 10; Shinui - 4; DFPE - 1; Yahad - 3; Lik - 1; CRM - 73.

NA'AN (UKM): Lab - 566; NRP - 1; Eliav - 14; Shinui - 8; Yahad - 1; Omzet - 1; Kach - 1; Lik - 3; PLP - 1; CRM - 37; Teh - 2.

AFIKIM (UKM): Lab - 735; AY - 1; Eliav - 15; Shinui - 10; BP - 1; Yahad - 3; Omzet - 4; Kach - 1; Lik - 7; PLP - 3; CRM - 21; Teh - 12.

GIVAT HAIM (Hnd): Lab - 437; Eliav - 4; Shinui - 6; Yahad - 4; Lik - 2; CRM - 43; Teh - 5.

GIVAT HAIM (Meshad): Lab - 507; Eliav - 10; Shinui - 6; Yahad - 3; Omzet - 3; Kach - 8; PLP - 2; CRM - 27; Teh - 12.

SAMAR (Artzi): Lab - 27; Eliav - 7; DFPE - 1; Yahad - 1; PLP - 1; CRM - 27; Teh - 4.

Moshavim and rural settlements

KFAR WARBURG (T.M.E.): Lab - 242; AY - 1; Eliav - 1; Shinui - 9; Yahad - 1; Omzet - 16; Lik - 22; Mor - 1; CRM - 9; Teh - 15.

UZZA (H.H.): Lab - 357; AY - 5; Eliav - 1; Yahad - 1; Kach - 1; Lik - 29; Tami - 1; Mor - 2; PLP - 1; Shas - 14; Teh - 3.

BEIT ZAVIT: Lab - 203; Shinui - 25; Yahad - 5; Omzet - 11; Lik - 63; CRM - 28; Teh - 31.

KFAR SIRKIN (T.M.E.): Lab - 214; NRP - 7; Shinui - 7; Yahad - 10; Omzet - 4; Atz - 2; Kach - 1; Lik - 67; Tami - 1; Mor - 7; CRM - 9; Teh - 18; FS - 1.

METULLA: Lab - 94; NRP - 5; AY - 3; Eliav - 2; Shinui - 4; Yahad - 8; Omzet - 3; Kach - 3; Lik - 171; PLP - 4; CRM - 10; Teh - 10.

NAHALIM: Lab - 7; NRP - 164; AY - 7; Shinui - 1; Omzet - 4; Atz - 2; Kach - 3; Lik - 20; Mor - 83; Shas - 2; Teh - 44.

NAHALAL: Lab - 274; NRP - 3; Eliav - 11; Shinui - 19; BP - 2; Yahad - 3; Omzet - 19; Atz - 9; Kach - 2; Lik - 28; CRM - 18; Shas - 1; Teh - 39.

AZARVA (T.M.E.): Lab - 72; NRP - 3; Eliav - 2; Shinui - 1; BP - 1; Yahad - 3; Kach - 15; Lik - 106; Tami - 4; CRM - 5; Shas - 17; Teh - 10.

SDENITZAN (T.M.E.): Lab - 59; Eliav - 2; Shinui - 7; Omzet - 2; Lik - 3; CRM - 13; Teh - 4.

BE'ER TUVYA (T.M.E.): Lab - 334; NRP - 2; Eliav - 4; Shinui - 12; Yahad - 11; Omzet - 10; Atz - 2; Kach - 1; Lik - 11; PLP - 1; CRM - 17; Teh - 30.

ATLIT: Lab - 317; NRP - 170; AY - 4; Eliav - 3; Shinui - 5; DFPE - 1; Yahad - 42; Omzet - 4; Atz - 1; Kach - 7; Lik - 462; Tami - 125; Mor - 3; PLP - 2; CRM - 19; Shas - 20; Teh - 32; FS - 2.

KEDUMIM: Lab - 2; NRP - 3; Kach - 10; Lik - 43; Tami - 1; Mor - 115; Shas - 5; Teh - 145.

KADIMA: Lab - 535; NRP - 175; AY - 9; Shinui - 11; DFPE - 1; BP - 2; Yahad - 19; Omzet - 21; Kach - 46; Lik - 754; Tami - 66; Mor - 7; PLP - 2; CRM - 17; Shas - 92; Teh - 76.

YAHTEL (UKM - Reform): Lab - 40; Shinui - 14; Lik - 2; CRM - 21; Shas - 1; Teh - 6.

YOTVATA (UKM): Lab - 187; Eliav - 11; Shinui - 33; Lik - 4; Mor - 1; CRM - 35; Teh - 6.

MA'ABAROT (Artzi): Lab - 371; Eliav - 2; Lik - 1; PLP - 1; CRM - 38; Teh - 1.

KFAR HAROEI (Rel.): Lab - 4; NRP - 129; AY - 6; Shinui - 1; Yahad - 1; Omzet - 5; Kach - 3; Lik - 29; Mor - 84; Shas - 1; Teh - 38.

YAHTEL (UKM - Reform): Lab - 40; Shinui - 14; Lik - 2; CRM - 21; Shas - 1; Teh - 6.

YOTVATA (UKM): Lab - 187; Eliav - 11; Shinui - 33; Lik - 4; Mor - 1; CRM - 35; Teh - 6.

MA'ABAROT (Artzi): Lab - 371; Eliav - 2; Lik - 1; PLP - 1; CRM - 38; Teh - 1.

KFAR HAROEI (Rel.): Lab - 4; NRP - 129; AY - 6; Shinui - 1; Yahad - 1; Omzet - 5; Kach - 3; Lik - 29; Mor - 84; Shas - 1; Teh - 38.

Kibbutzim

AYELET HASHAHAR (UKM): Lab - 440; Eliav - 9; Shinui - 3; Yahad - 2; Omzet - 4; Atz - 2; Kach - 1; Lik - 17; Mor - 1; CRM - 19; Teh - 15.

YAVNE (Rel.): Lab - 35; NRP - 244; AY - 2; Eliav - 5; Shinui - 1; Yahad - 3; Omzet - 24; Kach - 2; Lik - 10; Mor - 18; Teh - 10.

NIRIM (Artzi): Lab - 173; Eliav - 3; Shinui - 1; DFPE - 1; Lik - 1; CRM - 44.

MUSGAV AM (UKM): Lab - 314; Shinui - 1; Eliav - 4; Shinui - 7; Yahad - 1; Omzet - 1; Lik - 5; Tami - 1; CRM - 29.

KFAR MENAHEM (Artzi): Lab - 392; Eliav - 16; Shinui - 3; PLP - 2; CRM - 24.

GVULOT (Artzi): Lab - 86; Eliav - 6; Shinui - 1; Yahad - 2; Lik - 2; PLP - 3; CRM - 28.

random civilians in airliners, schools and public places. Some terrorist activities of the PLO even occurred on Italian soil. The literature he can be held responsible for includes the Palestinian National Covenant, which calls for the destruction of a democratic state.

THE ITALIAN government, though, went much further in admitting a man, who is a more significant criminal than Negri. Again, Arafat and the head of the PLO's political department, Farouk Kaddoumi, were welcome guests. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Giulio Andreotti, met with them at the ministry. If somebody can remain respectable in spite of his terrorist acts, then it follows logically that certain ideals may justify major terrorist acts. Once this conceptual barrier has been broken, only the question of which political views one holds decides which ideals justify terrorism and which do not.

In a democratic state, there is no place for a selective attitude towards terrorism. Those countries which accommodated terrorism in the past, have usually become its major victims. Italy has been a major scene of violence in the past decade. The government's attitude towards the PLO does not augur well for the country's future in the coming years. The writer is an economic consultant living in Jerusalem.

Ambiguous to terror

By MANFRED GERSTENFELD

population took place at the Bologna railway station a number of years ago, killing many passengers. While this was a right-wing attack, left-wing ideological terrorism has been even more active in Italy.

It would have been logical that the government of a democratic state which has suffered heavily from terrorism should put the largest possible distance between itself and an organization such as the PLO. Italian governments, however, which come and go with great frequency, have made Italy the most sympathetic country towards the PLO in western Europe. President Sandro Pertini received Yasser Arafat after the Sabra and Shatila events. Shortly afterwards, Arab terrorists carried out a murderous attack on the Rome synagogue.

JUST OVER a month ago the incoherence of Italian policy towards terrorism was highlighted on two consecutive days. On June 12, the Rome Court passed sentences on 55 autonomists more than 500 years in jail. The best known convict was

Toni Negri, a former professor at the University of Padua. He was found guilty of having been an accomplice to the murder of a policeman and the attempted murder of another. Negri was sentenced in absentia to 30 years imprisonment.

Last year he was released from prison to be elected deputy of Italy's Radical Party. When parliament lifted his immunity, he fled the country.

The next day, June 13, an event took place which the leading daily, *La Repubblica*, called, "Probably the largest mass manifestation in Italy since it became a republic." Enrico Berlinguer, the leader of the Italian Communist Party, was buried. One and a half million people participated in the funeral. Among the guests of honour was Yasser Arafat, prominently seated.

One may question the wisdom of the Italian government in allowing Arafat to enter Italy. He has been accomplice to far more murders than Toni Negri and he has practised more than armed revolt. The organization he heads has attacked at

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Industrial exporters are 'real election losers'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Industrial exporters were, and will continue to be in the foreseeable future, the "real losers" in the recent national elections.

This was the consensus of opinion which emerged from a mini-poll conducted yesterday among several large industrial exporters, most of whom were members of the Manufacturers Association.

"But in the final analysis the real loser is the State of Israel, for it lives off industrial exports," one exporter said. He was not referring to the loss of one-day's production, which itself cost many million dollars in exports, but the general situation.

For a considerable time the industrialists have not had any hard and fast rules on planning their future

steps. The situation worsened in the few months before the elections "when everybody, within and without the government, was waiting for a clear-cut decision which they hoped the elections would bring about."

None of those questioned believed there would be any definite policy before the next government was set up. "It seems very unlikely that a caretaker government, which knows it might not continue in office, will draw up a basic export policy on which we can base our planning."

And another industrialist added: "And if a coalition government, composed of half a dozen little blackmailing parties is set up, we don't think any governmental policy, even if drawn up, can be carried

out. The country will be ruled by friction and political demands, not by common sense."

One manufacturer suggested that the best solution was either a national unity government of the country's two leading parties, the Alignment and the Likud. If this is impossible, he went on, we should hold elections again until one party emerges sufficiently strong to form a decisive government.

"The cost of holding elections again may be high, but not as high as having the country run by a coalition of small parties, each one representing and fighting for its narrow interest, and not the national good."

We need a situation where we can do long-range planning. "We are not selling tomatoes in the local market; we are selling electronics abroad in a

highly competitive market. We must accept orders today for delivery in many months time," one large exporter of electronic goods said.

He added that "there are several companies — Elbit, Elscint, Elisra, Tadiran, El-Op — who already have orders on hand for several hundred million dollars. And they don't have the slightest idea if they will lose money, break even or make money. This is no way to run a business."

He called for establishing a system where an industrialist could wake up in the morning and not be faced by surprises promulgated during the preceding night by the Bank of Israel or the Finance Ministry.

"We must know today for many months in the future the exact value of the shekel; and of the relationship between the shekel and foreign currency income."

U.S. may nearly double 83's biggest foreign trade deficit

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S., which posted its poorest foreign trade performance in 1983, could nearly double its deficit this year and run abnormally high deficits for the foreseeable future, the government predicted this week.

The Commerce Department, in an assessment of U.S. trading prospects, said the merchandise trade deficit for 1984 could well be in the range of \$130 billion to \$135 billion.

In 1983, the country posted a \$69.4b. trade deficit, surpassing the previous record of \$42.7b. set in 1982.

In a new report, the Commerce Department said the trading gap "should not be expected to narrow quickly."

The huge trade gap has been blamed primarily on two factors. A strong U.S. dollar has made imports

relatively cheap and American exports relatively expensive. In addition, the U.S. economy recovered from the 1981-82 recession much faster than the rest of the world, spurring strong consumer demand in this country while demand in other countries remained flat.

The dollar is expected to weaken in coming months and economic growth in foreign nations is expected to increase. These two factors, while helping alleviate the trade imbalance, will not erase it overnight, the report said.

One of the problems, the report said, was growing competition with U.S. exports from newly industrialized countries such as Brazil, Mexico, South Korea and Taiwan, which are beginning to penetrate world markets for heavy industry and high-technology products.

U.S. gov't agrees on bank rescue plan

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Continental Illinois National Bank and the U.S. government have broadly agreed on a three billion dollar rescue plan tantamount to nationalization of the bank, the Washington Post reported yesterday.

The New York Times said the government's Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) was planning to make a \$4.5b. investment in the bank.

Congressional sources said on Monday that terms of the rescue operation were expected to be announced this week by the FDIC, which insures bank deposits.

Banking sources said details of the plan could change but the bank

directors had agreed to sell the FDIC \$3b. worth of the bank's loans for \$2b. in cash.

The sources said the FDIC agreed to buy up to another \$1.5b. worth of the bad loans in the future if necessary.

The Post reported the sources as saying the government would also buy \$1b. worth of newly issued continental securities now, in effect giving it control of America's eighth largest bank.

AFRICAN AID. — Belgium will spend an extra \$60 million on development projects in the horn of Africa in 1985 and 1986, development minister Francois-Xavier de Donnea announced in Brussels

European common market heading towards cash crisis

BRUSSELS (AP). — The European Common Market appeared headed toward a cash crisis yesterday as foreign ministers of the 10 member countries failed to agree how to finance a 1984 budget deficit.

If no agreement is reached by October, the trading bloc will run out of money to pay for its fast-growing farm subsidies, according to estimates by the Common Market Executive Commission.

That would force the individual governments to pay the outstanding bills, effectively killing the common agricultural policy that forms the foundation of the 27-year-old organization.

The executive commission, which is authorized to propose policies that must be okayed by representatives of the member country govern-

ments, has urged the members to shell out an extra \$1.6 billion to meet the expected cash shortfall this year.

That would be in addition to the basic \$20b. budget for 1984.

Britain, however, has steadfastly refused to put up more money. It says more savings can be found to reduce the deficit, and that if a shortfall cannot be avoided it should be met by putting off until 1985 the payments for certain farm and other programmes.

Geoffrey Howe, the British foreign secretary, suggested on Monday that the 1984 deficit could be reduced to \$800 million or less by cutting planned spending on unspecified programmes.

The Common Market never before has run a budget deficit.

Apply early for visas, local businessmen told

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli businessmen planning to visit the U.S. in the near future should submit their applications for visas "long before" their scheduled departure. Thomas Roesch, commercial counselor at the American Embassy, stated yesterday.

He noted that the commercial section of the embassy in Tel Aviv has lately been receiving many urgent requests to use its good offices to obtain business visas. But because of the pressure being placed on the visa section during the summer months, it often takes three weeks for a visa to be issued.

Soviet economic team due in Cairo this week

CAIRO (AP). — A Soviet economic delegation is due here this week to discuss the implementation of a \$750 million trade agreement increasing trade links between the two countries. Foreign Ministry sources said.

This will be the first Soviet delegation to visit Cairo since the two countries decided to resume diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level earlier this month. The ambassadors are expected to take up their position in August.

The trade protocol itself was signed last December.

The sources said the delegation will be headed by Soviet Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade Ivan Grishin.

Your money and your questions

QUESTION: Why is the market price of the Naphtha shares so high and why do they pay such a small dividend?

ANSWER: The price of the Naphtha shares is relatively high, as is often the case with shares whose prices on the stock market reflect future expectations such as hopes of oil strikes which may or may not materialize some day. Israeli companies, as opposed to American ones, hardly ever pay dividends, the reason being that they are not, as a rule, profitable.

QUESTION: I have just gone on early pension, meaning that I now get half my previous salary. My wife will be going on pension this November, with the option of working half-time in her present job, which she will probably take. We are thinking of moving flats, but we note that the monthly rental will swallow up the full salary of one of us each month, and the prices will obviously rise. To stay in our present apartment means making extensive improvements as we have postponed the evil day for too long. We have a few thousand

dollars and very few shekels. In what should we invest?

ANSWER: In recent months it has been next to impossible to obtain a "real return" from any investment in the local capital market. The aim of most investments has been to minimize as much as possible their deterioration. I think you are wise in keeping your dollars in dollar deposit accounts. I think one should wait until some time after the elections to see what, if any, major changes will occur in the capital market. If major changes are introduced, they may subsequently provide investment opportunities that will give a real return on your savings.

QUESTION: In a recent lecture you said that the "Israeli is the world's best economist." The average Israeli citizen is now piling up funds in his Patam current accounts. Was he right in doing so in the summer of 1983 and do you think he is right now?

ANSWER: In the summer of 1983 there were massive purchases of cash

and Patam dollars and the subsequent two devaluations proved the public right. By the sheer force and quantity of dollar purchases there will be immense pressure on the government not to hurt Patam dollar accounts. It would seem that the public will be creating its own protection for its savings.

QUESTION: Why has the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange not responded positively in the aftermath of the cancellation of the 2 per cent Peace Tax-Gallies sales levy?

ANSWER: Share investments are not providing a suitable hedge against inflation. If one can get a guaranteed return of 17-18 per cent a month on shekel deposits, it leaves little incentive to invest in shares. It would seem that there will have to be very clear indications of a lessening inflation and a marked drop in interest rates before one can expect a meaningful revival on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. In the past two weeks not only shares but index bonds have also been hurt by the above mentioned factors.

Oil producers face pressure to cut prices

ROTTERDAM (Reuters). — With crude oil heading towards 28-month lows on the European spot market, oil-producing nations are coming under heavy pressure to cut their official prices, traders said yesterday.

Producers such as the Soviet Union, Britain and Egypt — outside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) — appear the

most vulnerable, they said. But Britain in particular was likely to resist this pressure fiercely.

Britain's Brent crude, the grade most actively traded by speculators, has been hardest hit by the recent slide. It was quoted yesterday at \$27.90 per barrel for cargoes loading in September, compared with the official price of \$30.

Although the market was stable yesterday, traders saw this as a temporary technical reaction. Prices have fallen more than one dollar in the last fortnight because of abundant supplies and slack demand from refiners, and those factors remain. A similar fall would take the price

of Brent below levels seen in March 1982, when it traded in a flooded market at \$27.15, the lowest since the Iranian revolution sparked a price explosion in 1979.

Opec ministers decided in Vienna two weeks ago to maintain their overall prices and production unchanged in face of the world oil glut.

Industry sources said last week that most of Britain's contract customers had agreed on unchanged third-quarter prices.

Spot levels have fallen sharply since then and customers are growing increasingly reluctant to pay so much more than the free market rate.

Swedish firm to build Suez lighthouse system

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — The Swedish company Aga Navigation Aids has been awarded a contract to build a system of lighthouses to regulate increasing traffic in the Gulf of Suez, the southern inlet to the Suez Canal, the directors said on Sunday.

The total contract value is \$15.7 million.

Shipping sources said Egypt's ports and lights administration initiated the project at the urging of the UN International Maritime Organization, which had been alarmed by several collisions in Gulf of Suez waters.

WHAT'S ON

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RADASS — Guided tour of all installations
• Hourly tours at Kiryat Hadassah and Hadassah Mt. Scopus. • Information, reservations: 02-416333, 02-446271.

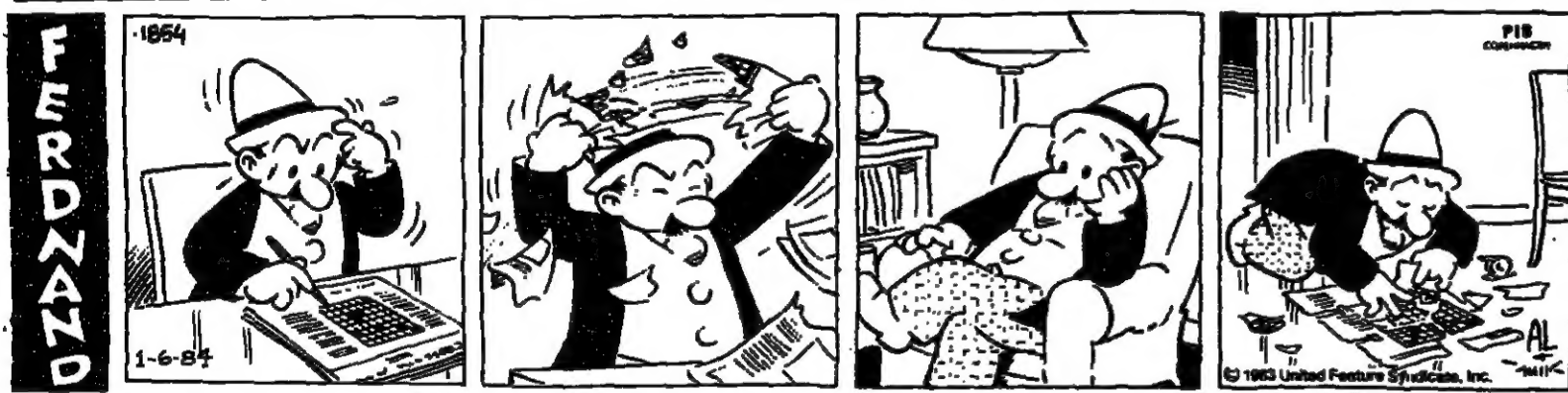
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Tel Aviv Museum, Exhibitions:
Wint: The Museum's 100th Anniversary. Modern Night's Dream: Tippet: Music to a Summer Wedding.
15.00 Folk Music from France
15.30 Youth Programmes
16.30 Works by Scriabin — Poem of Fire, Op.60; Preparatory Rehearsal to Symphony Mysterieuse (Choir of Free Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Gerd Albrecht, with Boris Blyud, piano)
18.00 Contemporary Music — Joseph Tel: Death of Moshe, Requiem (Mira Zakai, Rachelbach)

CONDUCTED TOURS
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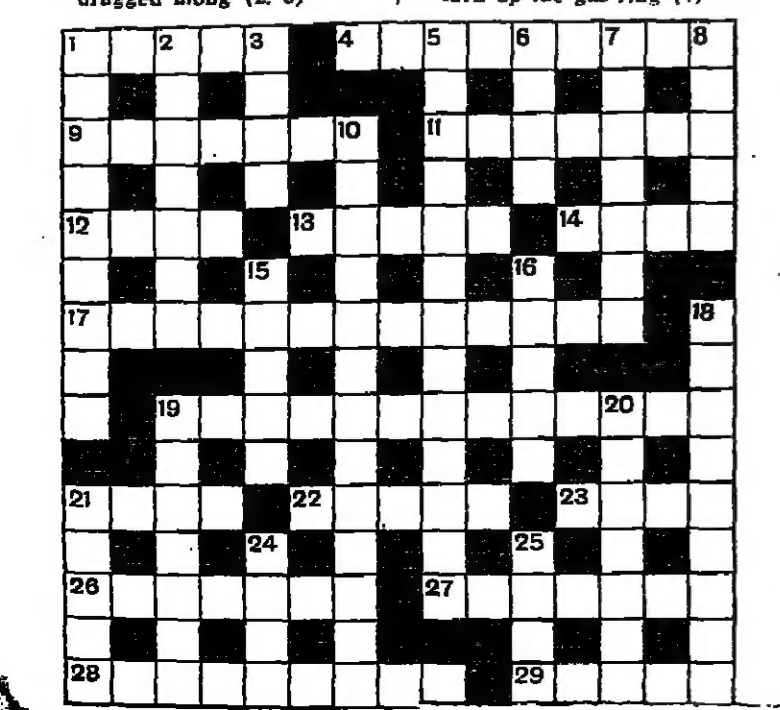
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ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Croat formation led to Clive victory (5) | 1 Famous rugby team accounting for thirteen clubs (3, 6) |
| 4 Peaceful retreat enjoyed by listless punters (9) | 2 Maybe the Indian cook is employed for a tanner (7) |
| 9 Generosity displayed by big Sunday School (7) | 3 Draw—the string tight (4) |
| 11 Grain that is shortly distributed to an African state (7) | 4 Hair style sent her (so one hears) before the divorce (6, 7) |
| 12 Part of body the lion chewed up (4) | 5 Rates as other people's hair (4) |
| 13 Apology for marinating a pair of rooks in Chinese sauce (5) | 6 What the silver-cleaner removed from the lake with his head tucked under (7) |
| 14 Course for a pretty girl (4) | 7 Arrive at a stretch of river (5) |
| 17 Elocution is the last thing a careful orator should do (7, 6) | 8 Dainty description of an all too brief experience (5, 3, 3) |
| 19 Confirm the girl most likely to succeed right royally (5, 8) | 9 Glorious English equivalent of French and German provinces (5) |
| 21 We return to training industry to make the tea (4) | 10 Coin a nickname for Penelope (5) |
| 22 Awake to what the batter needs? (5) | 11 Only one pop-sucker is left to the back-breaker (4, 5) |
| 23 Racing driver who did not take to the Rolling Stones (4) | 12 Make tidy profit? (5, 2) |
| 26 Frank ever after sappers (7) | 13 A man of self-expression (7) |
| 27 Girl as disposed to be a field flower (7) | 14 Established by a despicable old copper (5) |
| 28 Poor diets written out for a banker (9) | 15 He was supported by Nazi police (4) |
| 29 Aware of the West being dragged along (2, 3) | 16 Pudding for which one must turn up the gas ring (4) |



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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Zero | 10 Beer-making |
| 2 Identified | 11 Belonging to them |
| 3 Drinking spree | 12 Strong wish |
| 4 Food or nourishment | 13 Written slander |
| | 14 Tease viciously |
| | 15 Fur hunter |
| | 16 Pair |
| | 17 Evade |
| | 18 Accommodation centres |
| | |
| | 19 Mogul governor |
| | 20 Members of pans |
| | 21 British tribe |
| | 22 Lodge |
| | 23 Fabricator of |
| | 24 Unaffected |
| | 25 Expanded |
| | 26 Return of illness |
| | 27 Shifting agent |
| | 28 Proprietary name |
| | 29 Picture pulgma |
| | 30 Plait of hair |

Yesterday's Solution

ACROSS: 1 Tennis, 2 Caught, 3 Absolve, 4 Loose, 5 Next, 6 Insects, 7 Daily, 8 Sham, 9 Baiting, 10 Rejoice, 11 Waits, 12 Flump, 13 Afloat, 14 Unusual, 15 Ill, 16 Afloat, 17 Agony, 18 Sheets, 19 Jewellery, 20 Harrold, 21 Broom, 22 Unhappy, 23 Shows, 24 Bred, 25 Spoke.

'Arrangement' bank shares shoot up

TEL AVIV. - Trading on the stock market yesterday could be compared (figuratively at least) to housewives raiding a supermarket for "basic food commodities" on the eve of a suspected price hike.

Only on the stock market the "arrangement" bank shares, which in reality are quasi-bonds linked to the dollar and guaranteed by the government. Their price shot up by an average of 9.61 per cent, with the main ones rising by exactly 10 per cent.

One of them, IDB 'B' even became "buyers only."

It should be recalled that only last week the Bank of Israel had to move in to stabilize the prices of these "arrangement" shares to prevent their prices from falling. Yesterday, the reverse happened - the bank was selling the same shares.

The turnover in all shares and options was \$2,935 million, and of the total, some \$2,836 million were in "arrangement" shares - more than 96 per cent.

This left less than \$100m. for all other shares, and this is one of the lowest trading figures in recent times. Most of these shares also rose in price, with industrial investment companies rising the most, by 4.92 per cent. But companies producing metal products fell by 1.18 per cent.

Of course, all these rises (and falls) are in fact nominal figures, and the daily devaluation of the shekel (compared to the dollar) since last Friday's exchange rate was published, must be taken into account.

This, of course, reduces considerably all the gains, and increases the losses.

And it was the failure of the Bank

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By MACABEE DEAN

of Israel to publish rates the past few days which caused part of the interest in the "arrangement" shares. The rates were not published for Sunday, as usual, since Sunday is a banking holiday abroad; and then not on Monday since elections were held.

This, plus the Bank of Israel's announcement stopping trading in foreign currencies early yesterday morning, were the steps precipitating the rush to buy something linked to the dollar.

Rumours were extant yesterday in the "city" that the Bank planned a huge devaluation of the dollar.

There were guesses of as much as 30 to 40 per cent. This would have made the "arrangement" shares soar in price. And the rumours of such a devaluation are being given more and more credence in the past few days following a remark made by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad that "the exchange rate" would be the main instrument used to step up exports.

He was speaking to exporters, who showed more than a passing interest in talks on setting up a free trade area with the U.S. And the latter is adamant that Israel fall in line with its Subsidies Code - that Israeli exports to the U.S. may not benefit from any subsidies if such a free trade area is set up.

With the exception of the "arrangement" shares both the buyers and sellers adopted a "wait and see" position. Some 223 shares

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices
General Share Index 260.72 +7.36%
Non-Bank Index 186.41 +1.16%
Arrangement Bank Index 311.76 +9.61%
Industrial 196.44 +1.54%
Bond Index 234.47 +1.60%

Turnovers
Shares \$2,935.3m.
Bonds \$2,314.8m.
Total \$5,250.1m.
Advances 171
Declines 130
Of which 5% + 80
"Buyers only" 46
"Sellers only" 7

Bond market trends
4% fully-linked: firm to 3% rises
3% fully-linked: rises to 3%
80% linked: firm to 3% rises
90% linked: firm to 3% rises
Double-option: firm to 3% rises
Dolar-linked: firm to 3-6% rises

Most Active Shares
Leumi 4,268 \$580.3m. +10%
Hapoalim 6,744 \$573.8m. +10%
I.D.B. ordinary 9,930 \$537.3m. +10%

Sharpest Moves
T.G.L. op. 43 +12 +38.7%
Rogovin 70 +33 -32%
Edgar 349 -151 -30.2%

remained firm, neither rising or falling (of course, due to the constant devaluation of the shekel they actually did fall in value).

The turnover in index-linked bonds was also high, some \$2,314m., but this was within the same range as that of trading earlier this week. The general index of these shares rose by only 1.60 per cent, but the highest rise was chalked up by 80 per cent linked bonds, which gained an average of 2.34 per cent.

Bank Discount has declared the 6 per cent dividend paid on December 26, 1983, on its preferred accumulative shares as final.

Commercial Banks

| Bank | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| OHK | 1980 | - | +40 | +2.1 |
| Maritime 0.1 | 998 | 300 | +91 | +10.0 |
| Maritime 0.5 | 399 | 173 | +27 | +9.9 |
| N. American 1 | 1780 | 11 | -10 | -0.6 |
| N. American 5 | 1238 | 25 | -8 | -0.6 |
| N. Amer. op | 2207 | 19 | -12 | -0.5 |
| Danot 1 | 302 | 63 | -34 | -10.1 |
| Danot 5 | 75 | 1288 | +5 | +7.1 |
| Danot sc 2 | 188 | 12 | -17 | -8.3 |
| First Int'l 0.5 | 377 | 994 | +20 | +5.6 |
| FBH 0.5 | 332 | 623 | n.c. | - |

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|------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| IDB B | 9776 | b.o.1 | +466 | +5.0 |
| IDB B A | 61880 | 20 | +5620 | +10.0 |
| Union 0.1 | 7317 | 344 | +550 | +8.1 |
| Discount A | 13200 | 151 | +1200 | +10.0 |
| Discount B | 12815 | 648 | +1165 | +10.0 |
| Discount C | 1400 | 49 | +30 | +2.2 |
| Silvabank | 4076 | 802 | +371 | +10.0 |
| Mizrahi B | 4081 | 577 | +371 | +10.0 |
| Mizrahi C | 1870 | 148 | +170 | +10.0 |

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|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Hapoalim | 9219 | 1 | +439 | +5.0 |
| Hapoalim B | 6744 | 9902 | +613 | +10.0 |
| Hapoalim B | 682 | 682 | +2310 | +10.0 |
| Hapoalim C | 25410 | 344 | +1576 | +10.0 |
| General op | 40700 | - | +3700 | +10.0 |
| General op 9 | 13680 | - | +1420 | +10.0 |
| General op 11 | 23860 | 4 | +1180 | +10.0 |
| General op 12 | 825 | 66 | +75 | +10.0 |
| Leumi 0.1 | 4268 | 20625 | +388 | +10.0 |
| Leumi 0.5 | 3830 | 123 | +530 | +10.0 |
| Leumi 1 | 1678 | 328 | +153 | +10.0 |
| Finance Trade | 2996 | 50 | +545 | +10.0 |
| Finance Trade 5 | 2946 | 3 | +1 | - |

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|---------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Adomim 0.1 | 1170 | - | - | - |
| Gen. Mortgage | 1286 | 1 | n.c. | - |
| Gen. Mortgage | 1288 | 1 | n.c. | - |
| Carnel 0.1 | 761 | 2 | n.c. | - |
| Carnel 0.5 | 385 | 15 | +35 | +10.0 |
| Binyan | 1197 | 13 | +109 | +10.0 |
| Dev. Mortgage | 380 | 110 | n.c. | - |
| Dev. Mortgage | 400 | 3 | -25 | -5.9 |
| Mizrahi | 1348 | 1 | -10 | -0.7 |
| Independence | 140 | 31 | -15 | -10.7 |
| Tefahot | 1075 | - | +15 | +1.4 |
| Tefahot 0.1 | 940 | 23 | -9 | -0.9 |
| Tefahot 0.5 | 913 | 3 | n.c. | - |
| Tefahot 1 | 474 | 391 | +24 | +5.3 |
| Tefahot 5 | 140 | 31 | -15 | -10.7 |
| Jayson 0.1 | 136 | 3 | -7 | -5.1 |
| Jayson 0.5 | 89 | 4 | -1 | -1.1 |
| Jayson 1 | 364 | 128 | n.c. | - |

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|----------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Shilton 0.1 | 74 | 92 | -2 | -2.6 |
| Shilton 0.5 | 856 | - | - | - |
| Agriculture A | 12400 | - | - | - |
| Agriculture C | 23800 | - | +1300 | +5.8 |
| Leumi Ind 0.1 | 1160 | - | - | - |
| Leumi Ind 0.5 | 1160 | - | - | - |
| Leumi Ind 1 | 16100 | - | +800 | +5.2 |
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| Contractors | 257 | 162 | - | - |
| Contractors | 26000 | - | +550 | +2.2 |
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Where's the combination?

The wheeling and dealing has begun. What the verdict of the electorate was not able to achieve, namely to grant a decisive margin to one of the two large parties enabling it to form a government coalition, the parties must themselves now try to construct.

The first order of business of both large parties will be to try to put together a blocking majority in the Knesset that would prevent the other from forming a coalition. Ezer Weizman's Yahad list will be the key factor in this tussle. If he weighs in on the side of the Labour Alignment then the Likud may not be able to form a narrow coalition of its own. There were indications from him last night that this indeed would be his position.

In such a circumstance, Labour could try to form a coalition by bringing in some of the religious parties.

On the other hand, since a blocking majority is not adequate to form a government coalition, Labour or the Likud could seek instead to opt, from that position, to appeal to the other large party to join with it — and its blocking majority partners — to form a unity government.

This is what some of the small parties, including Mr. Weizman advocate. They only wish to make certain that they would not be excluded from any such large coalition. Both Labour and the Likud are claiming the right to head such a government. The Likud, though it gained less seats than Labour, argues that it, together with its former coalition partners commands the largest bloc, therefore it should get the leadership nod, namely a unity government headed by Prime Minister Shamir.

Labour, on the other hand, argues that since it won the plurality, it by right should head such a broad coalition. If it were to enjoy a blocking majority, and if that majority were to remain firm in insisting on Labour, then conceivably it could head such a unity government.

Yesterday these possibilities were all under intensive scrutiny.

What neither of the large parties was talking about, yet, was a coalition between the two of them that would obviate the need for dependence on the small parties. Neither the Likud nor Labour was willing to consider this for the simple reason that both claim title, and as long as they feel they have a chance for achieving it one way or another, they will not get together on a strictly bipartisan basis.

In theory, there is a good rational basis for such an arrangement between the two large parties for a limited period. They could join together to push through an agreed economic reform programme, and electoral reform that would relieve our parliamentary system from dependence on splinter parties. The other political issues which divide the two parties would be put in deep freeze for the interim, and they would then, say after a year, again submit themselves to electoral judgment — without the divisive burden of the splinter parties.

Yet, while that could commend itself as a rational course, it does not seem to be what is in the offing, at least at this early stage.

The real choice that seemed to be emerging yesterday was between a narrow coalition, or a unity government that would include many of the small parties, at more or less the familiar price.

The specific choices will only be clear after all the official results of the elections, including the soldiers' vote are made known. For in this election outcome, a single Knesset seat could decide one way or the other.

What will be needed are strong nerves. Our politicians, schooled in coalition negotiations, generally do not lack that commodity. But the public watches with anxiety, wondering how out of seeming deadlock, government will emerge.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS AN EGYPTIAN man can keep an extra \$50,000-dollar lottery prize mistakenly awarded him recently in Washington, D.C., but U.S. immigration agents say he will be deported as an alien illegally in the U.S.

The local District of Columbia Lottery Board said it has decided not to try to regain the extra money that Hesham Ibrahim won in the city's prize drawing.

The prize was supposed to be for \$50,000 dollars. But the winnings were mistakenly doubled to \$100,000 through "administrative error," officials said. About \$20,000 was deducted for taxes.

Meanwhile, Ibrahim was released on \$2,500 bond after spending the night in jail when U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service agents arrested him and charged him with being an illegal alien.

Ibrahim, 28, of Alexandria, Egypt, is in the United States on a student visa granted last October 10, and told officials he is a graduate student. Agents said checking showed that Ibrahim attended a business school in Washington last fall but failed to return after December. He said the INS will seek to deport Ibrahim on the grounds he is no longer in school.

PS Japan's Posts and Communications minister treaded softly in a meeting recently with representatives of the sandal industry, who were angry over the banning of sandal-wearing in ministry.

The sandal controversy was sparked when a vice minister ordered a ban on white-collar workers, wearing sandals in the ministry, saying it was unbecoming and a breach of etiquette in modern offices. The ban set off a nationwide storm of protest among sandal mak-

ers and supporters of the comfortable footwear.

Kyodo news service said Minister Keiwa Okuda "lightly averted the issue." He told them: "The Ministry of Posts and Communications, since pre-modern days of express messengers in kimono and straw sandals, delivered letters on foot...We have been closely associated with straw sandals. This ministry, so to speak, is a 'sandal ministry'."

The report said the sandal makers were satisfied with Okuda's explanation that the "ban was not totally against the use of sandals, but advises that personnel take into consideration the time, place and occasion when wearing sandals."

PS THE CENTENARY of Horowitz-Margaret, the American matza company, was celebrated recently at New York's Penta Hotel, with the "world's largest matza ball" and the "longest matza" on display. Family members posed next to the exhibits.

Newsday, the Long Island paper, reported recently that the matza company is run today by a fourth- and fifth-generation father-and-son team descended from Jacob and Mary Horowitz, who emigrated from Hungary to New York. The couple realized that no matza was commercially baked at the time and that a factory was needed to serve the Lower East Side's rapidly increasing Jewish population. J.S.I.

PS FIVE TAIWANESE have been arrested for selling air conditioners that contained only blocks of ice and an electric fan.

The five were arrested after complaints from angry villagers who had bought the machines for \$130 each. The devices ceased to have much effect after the ice melted, they said.

The necessity for electoral reform

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE LESSON to be learned from Monday's elections is that our system of voting does not work. It only produces stalemates. The time has come to make a change.

Not that the alternative system — voting for people instead of parties — is ideal. It has its shortcomings, too, but at the present time in this country it would be the lesser of two evils. The system of proportional representation creates governments that cannot govern. The big parties come out approximately equal. Diminutive factions of three, two and even one exercise a measure of authority which is not "proportional" at all.

Yet the electorate has increased the representation of these groups — out of disillusionment with Labour and Likud. The reason rests likewise with the paralyzing electoral system we are saddled with.

It converts the parties, which have long ceased to be responsive to the will of the people, into bastions of power. Party leaders are chosen not by the wider public, but by the party itself. When the electorate votes Alignment or Likud or NRP, they are placing the right of selection in the hands of individuals whose

names they do not even know.

Those individuals, the party functionaries, remain the same placeholders, unaffected by election results. Elections within the parties are based on deals, alliances — the give-and-take of back-room bargaining.

THE RESULT is a preservation, even an ossification, of the power-structure. So it is that the Labour Party, defeated twice at the polls, came up for the third time with virtually the same leadership — only to be balked for the third successive time by an increasingly frustrated public.

Increasing the qualifying threshold from 1 per cent of the vote to 3 or 4 per cent would not solve the problem. The two big parties would have around 55 seats each instead of 45.

The balance would still be held by those on the margin. The party-machine would remain an organization of back-room politicians, isolated from the public at large and insensitive to its requirements.

If Labour and Likud are able to see this travesty of the democratic process for what it is, they will form a

government of national unity with one purpose and one purpose only: to pass an electoral reform law which would divide the country into parliamentary constituencies.

In each constituency, candidates would present themselves for election. They would still be, for the most part, faction delegates, but with this difference, that they have two bosses, not one: the party and the constituency.

This would change the balance of forces within the parties. The Knesset members would be more independent, they would bring the will of the constituencies inside the sanctum of party headquarters. A fresh wind would blow through the corridors of these dusty political strongholds.

BOTH BIG PARTIES have said more than once that they favour electoral reform, but they have never got down to enacting it. Preventing change are — again — the party bureaucrats, who do not want to see their domination eroded.

Now that the status quo has brought the nation to yet another deadlock, let us hope that the offi-

READERS' LETTERS

MEDDLING NEEDED

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your editorial, "Meddling not needed" (June 24) is a masterpiece of innuendo, illogic and inaccuracies. Most Ethiopian Jews now in Israel have come since 1983, and then only in response to a massive amount of publicity and pressure. This has included a vast mail campaign, advertisements in the press, national, critical TV programmes, a hard-hitting prize-winning documentary film, resolutions passed by the U.S. Congress and Senate and finally a successful demonstration rescue mission conducted by rank amateurs from the American Association for Ethiopian Jews.

This "meddling" produced decisive results. But apparently even these strenuous efforts were not enough, because when the noise ceased, rescue efforts suddenly ceased.

High praise is indeed due to Israel for rescuing Ethiopian Jews, but anyone who knows the facts is aware that it could have rescued all of them and more quickly had a monumental rescue programme been forthcoming. The tragic record of Israel and world Jewry on this subject between 1948-1977 will always remain a blot on their escutcheons.

Even if there was no "Holocaust" in the Hitlerian sense as your editorial asserts, a quarter of Ethiopian Jewry disappeared during the first 31 years of the Jewish State. Another 5,000 have disappeared since then. Thus, if the liquidation of one third of an ever shrinking, tiny Jewish community, due entirely to world Jewry's indifference and neglect, is not the equivalent of having been "consumed by fire," then we shall have to coin another tragic word to describe such annihilation.

No one has criticized Menachem Begin. He was the first prime minister to give the signal to save them. But while he could give an order, your editorial admits that "there are officials who in the past tried to block the flow of immigration." Such officials are still around, acting with impunity.

There is growing criticism, mostly by Israelis, of the absorption process gaps, because it has become increasingly clear with every study and observation, that officials have nev-

er properly prepared themselves for either a massive rescue operation or for a significant resettlement programme for Jews who admittedly had been allowed to dwell in poverty, illiteracy, disease and discrimination. Your editorial admits that there are "victims of Israeli bureaucracy and of the conflicts of the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Absorption." This is unconscionable. "Meddling" criticism and protests of such slipshod practices is justified to insure immediate correction.

Israeli Jewish Agency and American Jewish Establishment leaders have repeatedly claimed over the years that adequate funds were and are available for both rescue and absorption. Therefore your comment that "objective budgetary problems contribute to the difficulties" is contrary to the facts. It is strange that, if money was indeed needed, there was never an appeal for the multi-millions required for such a programme. American and world Jewry would have responded instantly to such a life-saving appeal.

I cannot speak for other "activists," but I do know that the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, which has been seeking relief, rescue and resettlement for them since 1969, will continue to move heaven and earth to see that the Ethiopian Jews are rescued with dispatch, and that the absorption process is conducted with absolute Jewish humaneness. It will not tolerate foot-dragging excuses and outright incompetence. It will relentlessly expose such practices.

"Quiet diplomacy" did not and will not save the Falashas. The demonstration by the Falashas in Israel was late in coming. They cannot, should not and will not allow their kinsman to suffer and die in Africa, while a ditatory debate goes on about their fate. Your paper should lead the fight to get them out at once. Only then will "meddling" not be "needed."

GRAENUM BERGER
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 Vice President of the American
 Association for Ethiopian Jews,
 Pelham, New York.

IN PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, — It was with disappointment that I finished reading Rabbi Avraham Weiss' article of July 12 "In pursuit of justice," explaining his committee's recent ad. Apparently none of the intervening events or letters have affected his views or his need to justify the acts of the Jewish underground. Notwithstanding his aversion to violence Rabbi Weiss can still not bring himself to condemn even the Islamic College and bus attacks. He only states that these might "allegedly" fall into the category of "random acts" which his ad would not condone.

Understandably it is easier to focus on the attacks on the unpopular mayors. However, a number of the defendants are accused on involvement in more than one act. Additionally the curious notion of "focused actions" (ignoring the Israeli sapper who was blinded) on people "indirectly" responsible for the death of Jews, begs the question. Who decides this responsibility — courts of law or a vigilante group? Rabbi Weiss' sources of information are very enlightening. One can hardly depend on Ira Rappaport and one of the accused for accurate unbiased descriptions of the status in Judea and Samaria before and after the attacks.

While also not wanting to discuss Rodef exhaustively, the issue is certainly not as clear-cut as Rabbi Weiss' article would have one be-

lieve. A major focus in the Talmud on this matter is in dealing with stopping an action in progress. Thus, in Sanhedrin, it is linked with the case of saving a woman who is being raped. It is when the immediate danger is extremely clear that the necessity for intervention becomes apparent.

Towards the end of his article, Rabbi Weiss states the importance of determining if the mayors were pursuers and if government protection was inadequate. If these matters still have to be determined, then perhaps the bombings and shootings were at the least a little premature. The matter of minimal force is also mentioned rather late and given short shrift. A bomb strong enough to blow off both a man's legs could certainly have killed him.

The people of Israel have inhabited the Land of Israel in the past and have twice lost it. Our literature does not seem to stress our losing the land for failure to inhabit every inch promised us by God. Rather we frequently read that we were exiled because of our sins. Sins against God and against our fellow man. Rabbi Weiss mentions that idealism of the accused men as though this should excuse any act that they committed. It is my hope that idealists such as these do not lose the Land of Israel due to their lack of concern for the people of Israel.

KENNETH C. KOSLOWE
 Petah Tikva.

THE ESSENCE OF JUDAISM

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, — Permit me to add to Jacob Chinitz's reflections of July 11 on the so-called reborn or saved Jews, popularly known as *ba'alei teshuva*, an insufficiently stressed aspect, so forcefully formulated by that renowned 18th century Haskalah Yehzekel Landau, usually referred to as the *Noda Bi-yehuda*. To a would-be penitent who pressed him for a suitable penance, he replied: "I have ransacked all the sources of Judaism known to me and can find no record of penances beyond what Isaiah prescribed (55:7): 'Let the wicked abandon their ways and the evil men their designs.'"

Against the canvas of a media-encouraged exhibitionist Judaism stressing demonstrative ritual observances as well as such Judaistic irrelevancies as the adoption by both men and women of 18th and 19th century dress and hair styles, to which is added for good measure the comparatively recent Tzitzit-outside-trousers-craze, we are apt to forget the Jewish basics of moral integrity and character.

Maimonides was never tired of pointing this out, quoting approvingly the rabbinic interpretation of the text (Leviticus 18:5): "...which if a person shall do, he shall live by them." "The text does not say: 'priests, Levites and Israelites' but 'person'. From this you may learn that any human being who applies himself to the Torah is equal to a high priest." Maimonides comments: "...it is above all character that matters. There is not the slightest doubt in my mind that any human being who has shown himself to be of sound moral character and has achieved an intelligent understanding of the Divine is assured of a portion in the world to come." (Letter to Hasdai)

Essential as they are to the overall way of life and heritage that is Judaism with their comprehensive network of outward observance, fast and feast — a heritage that we all share, whatever our personal practice and belief — these outward manifestation they are not necessarily concomitants of *Teshuva*. But a change in our conduct towards our fellow beings — an unassuming tolerance, consideration and humility is the essence of Judaism, and this should be regarded as the hallmark of the *ba'alei teshuva*.

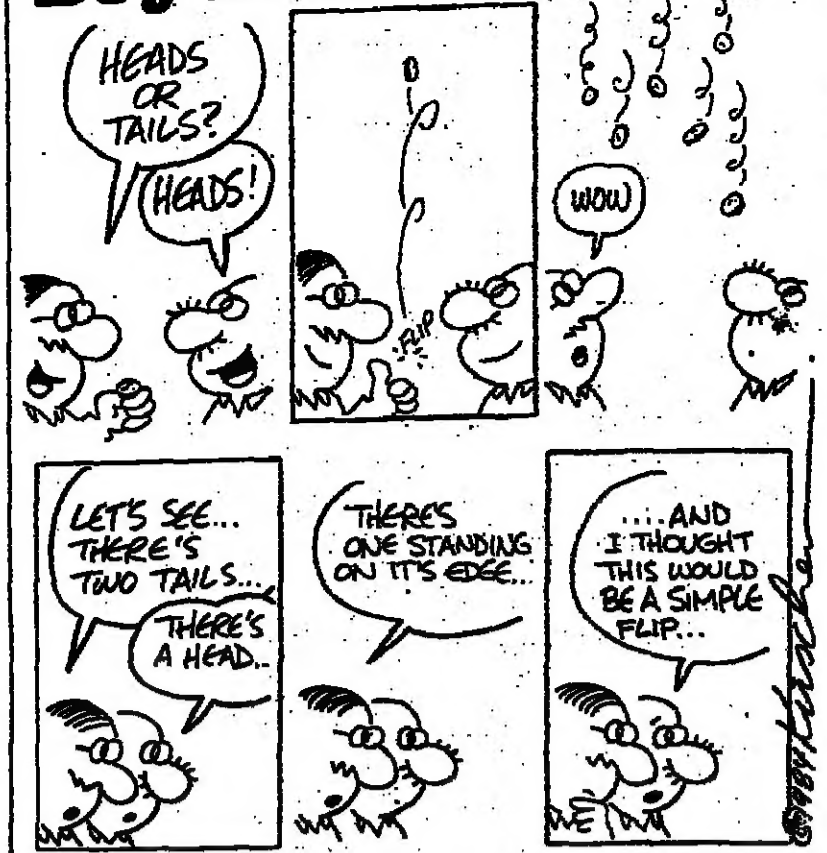
ARYEH NEWMAN
 Jerusalem.

A STORY OF REDEMPTION

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, — I think it might have been fairer to your readers had Jeffrey Green, in his review of my "Seven Years in Israel: A Zionist Storybook" (July 13), taken the trouble to let them know what the book is about. It is the story of an oleh's first seven years in Israel, and of the intellectual and spiritual transformation he goes through thanks to his encounters with the people and land of Israel. It is the story of his finding a new meaning and faith in life in Israel which could not be found outside it. And as it is about the whole process which is aliya, it is directed toward the tens of thousands of Jews who have known similar redemption in the past, and more especially to the tens of thousands who will know such a redemption in the future.

SEYMOUR FREEDMAN
 Jerusalem.

Dry Bones



cials in charge of our destinies will be patriotic enough to set aside their prejudices, overcome their instinct of self-preservation and give the country's democracy a new lease of life by legislating a radical change in the parliamentary system.

The Knesset would then immediately dissolve, and the people would go to the polls once again —

this time under the new system. They would select a one-party government able to do its job properly, free of the need to placate perpetually those diminutive factions which do not give a fig for the national interest.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, — Reuven Alberg's letter (July 5) recalls to mind the old story of the man who, having killed his parents, pleaded for mercy on the ground that he was an orphan.

He made a vicious personal attack on me in his original article. He fabricated the story that I (of all people) do not call Judea and Samaria by their names, but refer to them as "Western Israel," thus "showing" I have designs on Jordan. Every word untrue.

In his new letter, he coyly omits any mention of this little misdeed or of his other slanderous references to me. Then, instead of being thankful that I only referred to his behaviour as malicious and as that of a know-nothing — he still complains about my "inveective."

About settlements: "Know-nothing" is a precise description of anybody who claims to know what he is talking about and does not know (even without Mr. Perez's reminder) that the Jordan Valley communities and the Etzion bloc villages were fully established, and the Ma'ale Adumim settlement was launched under Labour government auspices, before ever the Likud came to power; and were indeed part of the framework for the Labour Party's Allon Plan.

Alberg claims he is not a self-hating Jew. Who ever heard of a self-hating Jew admitting he is a self-hating Jew? See, then, his choice of language when he writes about his fellow-Jews. Thousands of them, free citizens in a democratic state, out of love of their people and their country, went from usually comfortable homes to settle and improve inhospitable areas in the Jordan Valley and the Judean desert (as also in Samaria), or, as children of the Etzion bloc destroyed by the Arabs in 1948, went back to renew their own lives and to restore the homes of their parents. These are the people whom Mr. Alberg describes as having been "frantically crammed into their settlements by

the Likud." Jews were "crammed, and frantically at that, by their fellow Jews into settlements?"

On the Benvenisti memorandum, all I can add is that if Mr. Benvenisti now claims that the portion of the budget which emerges from his memorandum as being insignificant was 200 million dollars, he should publish a correction. Alberg evidently never read the memorandum. He now knows that others have quoted precisely the same figure as I did. He still does not trouble to check but continues to attack me (and only me). This is patent malice.

On "imperialism," Alberg now defines imperialism as "any situation in which one people rules over another (native-born) people against their will. He should read up his history — at least on the relative relationship and rights of Arabs and Jews in Eretz Yisrael. He will find that in 1919, after the Balfour Declaration, the Zionist aim was redefined (by Herbert Samuel) as a "Commonwealth under the auspices of an established Jewish majority" (that is, with a non-Jewish minority). In 1947 the Zionist leaders accepted the U.N. partition plan for a Jewish State in whose territory there were 45% Arabs. In 1967, after the Six-Day War, the Knesset empowered the government to incorporate any part of the territory (and its Arab population) under IDF control. It was in execution of this resolution that east Jerusalem was then incorporated in Israel and that (by Alberg's definition) enabled Mayor Kollek to carry out his imperialistic design. My view (and I believe the view of most Israelis) is that the application of that resolution should be extended to the rest of Western Eretz Yisrael.

Mr Alberg is free to give all this from Samuel to Weizmann to Ben Gurion to Begin to Kollek — the ridiculous mendacious appellation "imperialism."

SHMUEL KATZ
 Tel Aviv.

SENIOR CITIZENS

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, — In European and American countries, there are all kinds of privileges for senior citizens, like reduced entrance tickets for cinemas, theatres, swimming pools, public transport etc.

In this country, swimming is considered a luxury reserved only for the rich. In the few Tel Aviv swimming pools where Tel Aviv residents have special rights, they have to get up early in order to come at the hours reserved for them and take the chance that they will not be admitted in spite of announcements. Even if they are admitted with a reduction, they still have to pay a considerable price for the 15 or 20 minutes they intend to use the premises. These

benefits are only offered during three summer months. During the rest of the year, senior citizens are not supposed even to dream about swimming.

Recently it was announced that senior citizens could buy cinema tickets at reduced prices for the afternoon performances. But they are at the mercy of the arbitrary decision of the ticket vendors. Some of them accept the senior citizens' card from the Histadrut, some demand proof of Tel Aviv residence, and some claim there are no more tickets for seniors, so that the full price has to be paid although the hall is more than half empty.

D.I. JACOBS
 Tel Aviv.

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